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Defibrillator installed in Bonvilston

BONVILSTON has had a public access defibrillator installed at the Red Lion, Bonvilston.

Fundraising started in January with a Santes Dwynwen Supper, followed in May by a very successful quiz night.

Together with a grant from Cowbridge Community First Responders and a generous donation from a resident, this raised enough to purchase the defibrillator and cabinet.

A spokesperson commented: "Many thanks to all those who supported these events, it's a great addition to the village."

Training sessions in the use of the defibrillator will be arranged shortly with dates announced on the Bonvilston Village Facebook page.

Pictured are Rosemary Fisher and Nia Willams, key members of the fundraising effort, and Phil Warren, landlord at the Red Lion.

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Legal challenge is set to be made on Hinkley mud

by GEM REPORTER
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ANTI-nuclear activists have said they plan to challenge the decision to allow over 300,000 tonnes of mud from Hinkley Point C to be deposited in Cardiff Grounds, an area of water off the coast north-east of Penarth.

Natural Resources Wales (NRW), which gave the operation the green light, said the application for disposal had been thoroughly examined and was safe.

The Welsh Government also said "…the material is within safe limits, poses no radiological risk to human health or the environment…"

But assurances have not placated campaigners who recently gathered at the Senedd in Cardiff demanding that the dredging operation should not go ahead.

Neil McEvoy, the AM for South Wales Central, said: "I'm concerned because I do not believe enough testing has been done.

"We're talking about mud being dredged from outside a nuclear reactor and the politicians in Cardiff Bay have utterly failed to take the necessary steps to protect us from it."

Richard Bramhall, chairman of the Welsh Anti-Nuclear Alliance (WANA), this week called on the Environment Minister Lesley Griffiths to halt the operation.

He said: "We believe that the decision to grant the marine licence is unlawful and have therefore taken steps to take legal action to stop the operation.

"Lesley Griffiths has the power to intervene and we call on her as Environment Secretary to do so until a thorough assessment of the risks has been taken – anything else would be irresponsible."

Max Wallis of Friends of the Earth, Penarth & Barry claimed NRW should not have cleared a licence for disposal.

He said: "NRW up to recently stated the environmental impact assessment for dumping had been covered in the 'EIA' for the jetty development in Somerset, covered by the Environment Agency.

"But this was contradicted by CEFAS's (Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science) statement of 2013, nevertheless NRW wrongly issued the 2014 licence.

"Moreover, their own rules say that an EIA is always required for projects within a European conservation site, as is the Severn Estuary."

NRW issued a marine licence to NNB Genco in July 2014. It authorised the disposal of dredged material from the Bristol Channel sea bed at the Hinkley Point C development to the Cardiff Grounds disposal site.

A spokesman said: "Every element of the application was considered thoroughly including testing of the sediment from the dredge sites by independent experts in accordance with international standards and guidelines, and advice from health experts."

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Cowbridge 10k start times announced

FINAL preparations are being made for the 'Cowbridge 10k' event, which is just over three weeks away.

The event takes place on Sunday, September 30, at Cowbridge Rugby Club and organisers have decided on the starting times for the three runs.

Anne Birt said: "The 10k and 6k will be run separately this year, with the 10k starting from the rugby club at 10am and 6k starting at 10.30am. The 1k will be run in the grounds at 11.30am.

"There will be medals, t-shirts and prizes, and refreshments will be available and there will be a barbecue at the rugby club."

The 10k race is open to those 16-plus (to conform to UK Athletics' guidance). The 6k is for all age groups and the 1k is mainly for under-11s, but grown-ups can run with the youngsters.

Last year, the event drew over 400 competitors from across Wales and £7,000 was raised for Cancer Research UK.

Organisers have welcomed a number of sponsors on board including Penllyn Farm Estate, Brinsons and Birt, Legacy Leisure (Cowbridge Leisure Centre), Town and Country Collective (The Bear Hotel), Siteserv, Co-op, Payton Jewell and Caines Estate Agents, Bridgend.

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'Vale apathetic about Hinkley mud'

WHAT a fantastic summer we are enjoying, with unprecedented warm weather and the sea and sand on our doorstep!

There have been thousands of visitors; day tripper families, swimmers, anglers, sailors, etc, all embracing the glorious environment along our coast.

Why then so little interest in protecting what we have from the mud to be dumped within our coastal waters as Hinkley C is developed?

Why so little interest in asking questions such as 'What are these pollutants?' or 'What is the risk to health? My own, my children's as they play in the sand or for my dog enjoying a daily walk?'.

Has legislation on the environment, public health and pollution control been adhered to?

If you don't know, don't you want to know?

We should be out in our thousands demanding answers before it is too late!

Perhaps we should look to our French brethren, gather together all the swimmers, surfers, sailors and fishermen to protest 'In The Water' and physically protect the Cardiff Disposal Site until we are adequately reassured.

Whatever your choice, action is surely needed, not apathy!

Kate Sinnott

Thank you to Vale Show competitors

ON behalf of myself and the committee, I would like to thank everyone for the time and effort that they put into entering the competitions in our section at the Vale Show.

We had very good entries again this year.

I would also like to thank everyone for helping us raise £500 in our raffle, which is going to Kidney Wales, as it is my charity for the year.

Thank you all very much.

Beryl Price, chairman.

Council prayer time may cause controversy

I APPLAUD the actions of Cllr Charles, as reported in The GEM on August 23, on the introduction of prayer time prior to the council meetings and her invitation to others to participate.

It's a perfect opportunity for others to witness for themselves the importance and inclusion of God in all areas of our lives and decision-making, and how amazing God responds to all those that do.

If, however, people do not share our Christian faith, they serve a different god and would probably require a separate prayer room.

When different faiths and their corresponding beliefs come together to pray, which god are they praying to?

Would other religions be happy to hear a Christian praying in Jesus's name?

We are currently living in the times that most Bible prophesy points to, so it is imperative that we, as a nation, protect and defend our Christian heritage and be prepared and ready for the very soon return of Jesus to claim His own in judgement.

Kasey Starr, Barry.

'Wheeled bins may provide an answer' says reader

I WRITE with reference to the comments of Cllr Geoffrey Cox printed in The GEM on August 23, in which he outlines the council's decision to restrict the number of black bags collected from September 1.

He said he understood how such controls are perceived and that as he is the cabinet member for neighbourhood services, he thought he should explain the reasoning behind this most difficult of decisions.

Cllr Cox we have heard it all before.

First, we were told to separate all our recyclable waste and then that was changed to tell us all we should co-mingle it.

Cllr Cox then says the council could have invested in thousands of wheeled bins at a cost of millions of pounds. He says wheeled bins have not been proven to increase recycling or reduce operating costs.

Does he not know that these wheeled bins are actually being used at present by many of the councils that are out-performing our council? Has he done any real thinking about all this? Or is he just making lame excuses for bad management?

We as taxpayers pay vast amounts of council tax each year for an acceptable standard of service from the council and all we seem to get is to be threatened with enforcement action if we do not do their work for them.

We are surrounded by pot holes and crazy traffic calming schemes which further add to our carbon footprint and now, if we have more than the dictated number of black bags, we will have to take them to the civic amenity centre at Atlantic Estate ourselves, further adding to pollution and the carbon footprint.

There will also be a horrendous increase in the amount of fly tipping in the Vale.

There were wheeled bins stacked up in the Court Road Depot for all to see. They seemed to be there for ever and have never been used, even though the council purchased lorries with special tail lifts to empty wheeled bins into the back of them.

Mr Evans' image of the redundant wheeled bins.

The bins have now disappeared from view and have been moved out of sight, either in a corner of Court Road Depot or perhaps to a different council location.

They were moved shortly after I highlighted the issue in our local press. I have attached the same image that I highlighted of these bins from approximately three years ago.

So, Cllr Cox, if you really want to reduce operational costs for the council then please do so, but do it properly and without wasting our money.

Barrie V Evans, coordinator Barry First Group.

'Additional waste needs suitable facility'

I AM sure all readers would agree that the Vale Council's desire to reduce general household waste (black bags) is broadly welcome.

However, as residents of Cowbridge and the surrounding areas, we should not accept this new regime of collecting only two black bags per household until a suitably accessed facility in Llandow is provided to dispose of any additional waste which there inevitably will be - there has to be 'give and take.'

Tim Matthews, Cowbridge

'Gladstone Park needs monitoring'

THE council have done a wonderful job doing up Gladstone Park. The different areas are great for people with different interests.

I would like to see the park monitored because there is a serious problem with the teenagers in the evening who are going into the park destroying the newly-planted trees.

It is heartbreaking to see the new saplings being destroyed. They are also pulling out the stones of a newly-built wall.

We are told we have to keep our dogs under control or we will be fined but you never see anyone monitoring the park in the evenings when you can hear the teenagers messing around.

Now I don't want to be a party pooper, and I love to see kids enjoying themselves, but they must be told they cannot go around destroying something which is for everyone in Barry to enjoy.

Mrs C Bates
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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 13)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
06 Thur	03.44	8.3	16.21	8.5
07 Fri	04.59	8.7	17.29	9.1
08 Sat	05.59	9.4	18.26	9.9
09 Sun	06.53	10.2	19.14	10.4
10 Mon	07.37	10.5	19.58	10.7
11 Tues	08.22	10.7	20.42	10.6
12 Wed	08.59	10.6	21.22	10.4
13 Thur	09.42	10.2	21.59	10.0

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

News and views of Nancy Davidge, Tynewydd, Llangan. (01656) 860303

TREOES harvest celebrations take place in Treoes Village Hall on Sunday, September 9.

Saron Chapel Treoes

THE first communion service took place on August 19, and was very well attended by the local community.

All entries will be gratefully received at the hall ion September 9 between 12 noon and 1.30pm. The hall will be closed between 1.30pm-3pm for judging.

All entries to be home made/grown. Home produce, preserves and cookery entries wil be put forward for auction after judging to raise funds for Treoes allotments and Saron Chapel. Show presentations and auction will commence in the hall from 3pm and as always, the bar will be fully stocked and open for business.

At 5pm, Saron Chapel Harvest will be held in the chapel.

St Mary Hill Church

ST MARY HILL church will celebrate its harvest festival on Sunday, September 16 at 11.15pm. Everyone will be assured of a warm welcome.

Young At Heart Club

ON Thursday, September 6, the Treoes-based Young At Heart Club will commence their meeting at the Treoes village hall at 1.30pm. If you like playing bingo, this is for you!

U3A meeting

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'Wildlife in Antarctica' by Dr Al Venables at 2pm on Wednesday, September 12 in Cowbridge Town Hall.

Visitors welcome; there is a small fee, which includes refreshments. See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.

A busy August for Cowbridge

by Cllr Terry Williams, Mayor of Cowbridge

ALTHOUGH supposedly a quiet month, August has been an interesting one.

There have been numerous repairs to the Town Hall building, notice boards refurbished by two of our councillors and the clock is fully functional.

Attending the Vale Agricultural Show and being vice president for the day was a highlight of the month. What a great event and big thanks to the organisers for inviting us and looking after us so well.

On August 18, the Town Council held a successful drop in session which was well attended with plenty of suggestions put forward. We have collated the results and will share the outcomes with everyone shortly.

Cowbridge is fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers who have been busy throughout August. I would like to congratulate and thank the volunteers who have kept the flowers in the High Street blooming throughout the summer; all this helps to attract people to our town.

The monthly social groups have kept going and a big thank you to the members of Rotary who help with transport and support with the Friendship Club, Monday Lunch Club, Memory Jar and Golden Oldies Cinema.

The open day at the fire station was well attended and a big success. The service is always looking for people to join the team of retained fire officers. If anyone is interested in joining this important team, call at the local fire station or contact South Wales Fire service.

We now look forward to the music festival, which has a fantastic line up.

The next Mayor's autumn fruits coffee morning will be on Saturday, October – join us for a coffee and seasonal cakes.

Terry Williams, Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian.

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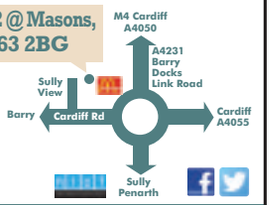

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Ideal conditions mean moth night at Old Hall is a success!

Dusky Thorn Moth.

Viewing the moths.

OLD Hall Gardens volunteers had ideal conditions for their moth night, with a display of the catch the following morning.

The variety, nearly 30 different kinds, amazed visitors and passers-by including a family from Pamplona, and all were intrigued by their names such as Chinese Character, Heart and Dart and Flame Shoulder.

The most numerous were Large Yellow Underwings, which showed their colours to fascinated children as they released them.

Other night-flying creatures attracted to the lights were beetles, caddis-flies, lacewings, wasps and a shieldbug, with a bat snapping up midges overhead. All the moths were released unharmed into the bushes afterwards.

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Exhibitions at Old Hall for new season

IN the new season of monthly art and craft exhibitions at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, the first are by two local people.

The art exhibition is by retired surgeon Nick Hawksworth and stone carving by retired barrister Nia Bennett.

Called 'Allsorts', Nick has produced an extremely varied and highly accomplished body of work which represents the artist's interest in avian studies, the countryside and the town of Cowbridge itself.

It reflects his fascination with the theme of contrasts, be they tonal, colour, old/new or situational. He is also presenting some raku-fired ceramic work.

Alongside Nick is Nia Bennett, who designs her own letters and then carves them by hand into stone. The individual form of each letter is carefully considered alongside the negative spaces between the form.

The search for perfection results in letters of beauty and well balanced inscriptions with rhythmical spacing.

Her work will include some relief carving too.

These are exceptionally good exhibitions which are well worth a visit. Nick Hawksworth's will last throughout September and Nia Bennett's until November.

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IN BRIEF

Craft group

LLANTWIT Major Art and Craft Group meets on Friday, September 7 to make a conical bird feeder from willow with Clare Revera and starts at 7.30pm in Llantonian Hall.

Visitors are most welcome to join the group. There will be a small fee of £3 for the workshop.

New park opening in St Athan

A FAMILY fun day and park opening takes place at St Athan Community Centre on Saturday, September 29.

The activities and attractions will run from 11am until 3pm.

There will be face-painting, bouncy castle, cake stalls, pony rides, a magician, football, jitsu and lots more.

A map showing the disposal site 'Cardiff Grounds' not far off the Penarth and Cardiff coast.

Legal challenge on Hinkley mud

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The spokesman continued: "The results showed the material was suitable for disposal at sea.

"We've tried to reassure people that the proposed activity will not harm people or the environment. We've answered all the questions and challenges we've received from concerned people, which can be found on our website.

"We remain confident that all the requirements under current best practice and international guidelines have been met in our determination of this licence."

A Welsh Government spokesperson said: "The recent National Assembly Committee report showed Natural Resources Wales made their determination based on expert advice.

"It also confirmed all tests and assessments concluded the material is within safe limits, poses no radiological risk to human health or the environment and is safe and suitable to be disposed of at sea."

EDF Energy, which owns the power station at Hinkley Point, said dredging needed to be done to enable it to start on important work to the infrastructure of the new power station.

A spokesman said: "The dredging of mud from the seabed off the Hinkley Point C site is necessary ahead of drilling six vertical shafts for the cooling water system for the new nuclear power station.

"The mud is typical of sediment found anywhere in the Bristol Channel and no different to sediment already at the Cardiff Grounds site. Greenpeace has acknowledged that the mud is 'not toxic'.

"Natural Resources Wales has confirmed that new, independent analysis of sediment samples taken in 2017 carried out by CEFAS has again shown that the sediment is not classed as radioactive under UK law. It poses no threat to human health or the environment.

"The original testing and radiological impacts were assessed using internationally accepted best practice and the original findings have been confirmed by the latest analysis."

EDF says testing has been carried out independently at a depth of up to 4.8 metres, and not the five centimetres claimed by campaigners.

The removal and disposal of the mud is likely to begin later in September.

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Scout Jumble sale

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (CHURCH ROAD (PART), COWBRIDGE) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2018

1. On 5th September 2018 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

2. The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Church Road (Part), Cowbridge) (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order" 2018 and will come into force on 17th September 2018.

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location: The road to be closed is Church Road Cowbridge from its junction with the Llantwit Major Road to its junction with Church View, Cowbridge.

Reason: To allow for the installation of new rising sewerage main to be undertaken

Duration: From 08.00am on Monday 17th September 2018 until 5.00pm on Sunday 21st October 2018.

Alt. Route: Local signed diversions will be in place via Llantwit Major Road, Westgate, High Street and Eastgate and Broadway Llanblethian

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Dated this 6th day of September 2018.

Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
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Sunflowers on the rise

How about this 8ft giant sunflower grown by Vince Dimech in Cadoxton Barry. Can anyone help with a suitable vase?

Local actor films Christmas TV advert

WHILE most people were enjoying the soaring temperatures in August, award-winning Barry actor Rhys Horler was filming a Christmas advert in London.

Rhys, a familiar face in *Pobol y Cwm* with many film and TV performances to his credit, filmed the advert with his twin brother Gerald.

"We had to do two auditions before we were chosen – it's a light-hearted comedy sketch and will be featured on TV and You Tube.

"During the filming the two of us and the director really bounced off each other.

"A lot of stills were taken so the advert can be shown at bus stops and on billboards as part of the advertising campaign."

Rhys (35) a former pupil of Barry Boys Comprehensive School can't divulge who the advert was made for. It is due to be broadcast in November – but he is happy to reveal that it is "food orientated".

He started acting professionally at the age of 18. In 2015, he won the London Hall of Fame Actor of the Year award for a film he wrote *Pure Bloodlines: Blood Is Thicker Than Water*.

In fact, he has official IMDB credits in a number of film industry skills including acting, producing and directing.

TIM CHAPMAN

ABOVE: Rhys Horler (right) with brother Gerald. The two actors have just filmed a Christmas advert which will be broadcast in November.

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Parish Flower Festival

THE South Vale group of parishes will hold a Flower Festival starting on Friday, September 21 to Sunday, September 23.

Come and enjoy the beauty of nature in the ancient and modern settings of the churches in the South Vale Group of Porthkerry and Rhoose, Penmark, Llantrithyd and Llancarfan. Tickets are £5 to visit the three participating churches in the group and will be payable at the first church you visit.

The themes and opening times of the individual churches are as follows: St Peter's Rhoose CF62 3EX 'Happy Days', 9am-6pm on Friday, September 21; 10am-6pm, Saturday, September 22 and from 11am–6pm on Sunday, September 23.

A craft stall and refreshments will be available throughout the Festival.

Friday, September 21, 9am–10.30am, breakfast rolls, tea/coffee available from £2.50. Soup lunches available from 11.30am-1.30pm on Saturday, September 22 from £4.

St Curig's, Porthkerry CF62 3BZ 'Happy Days' from 10am-6pm on Friday, September 21 and Saturday, September 22; 10am-11.30am and 1pm-4pm, Sunday, September 23. The church will also include a display of the church's history and Parish registers will be available.

St Cadoc, Llancarfan CF62 3AD, 'Anniversaries' at 9am-4pm, Friday, September 21 and from 10am-4pm, Saturday, September 22; 12.30pm-4pm, Sunday, September 23.

Refreshments available in the Village Hall, garden bring and buy sales. There is also an opportunity to view the amazing Medieval wall paintings.

On Wednesday, September 26, Cowbridge Male Voice Choir at 7.30pm. Tickets (£10) including a glass of wine.

The weekend will finish with a Songs of Praise Service at 6pm in St Peter's Church, Rhoose, when all churches in the group will be represented; all welcome.

A taste of mahjong at library

THE Friends of Llantwit Major Library are offering a taste of mahjong on Tuesday, September 18.

Mahjong is a table-top game for four players which originated in China and is now popular worldwide. It is quite addictive and a whole lot of fun.

Llantwit Major once had a thriving community of whist players whose regular whist drives were a source of great pleasure and camaraderie.

We plan to replicate those sessions but this time with mahjong.

We're fortunate that one of our Library Friends is a professional teacher of the game and she is more than pleased to host a 'taster' session beginning at 7.30pm.

The game is played not with cards but with tiles and, if you have played before and happen to own a set of tiles, we'd be grateful if you would bring them along that evening.

But if not, do not be put off; there will be some spare sets.

If the idea proves popular, we hope to arrange regular sessions, certainly once a month but possibly more often, depending on the players' response.

So if you would like to be part of it, make sure of your place at a table by ringing the library on 01446-792700.

MG

Pensioners club have a busy time

WICK & District Pensioners Club have had a busy spring and summer with visits to Carmarthen, Abergavenny, Tenby, Bristol Docks, Brecon Mountain Railway and Forest of Dean Railway.

The next club visit is to Weston-Super-Mare on Wednesday, September 19.

Club meetings have been busy with a programme of speakers (Dyffryn, Atlantic College, Heritage Coast, Postcard History), musical entertainment (Wick Primary School sang beautifully to us), quizzes (thank you Doreen and Gwerfyl), the celebration of birthdays and the achievements of members.

The next club meeting is Wednesday, September 12 from 2pm when we have a cheese tasting experience.

The club meets in Wick Sports Pavilion on Wednesdays from 2-4pm and new members are always welcome.

For more information please contact George on 01656 890386 or Marj on 01656 890412.

GJ

Hand-made market

A HAND-MADE market begins this Sunday, September 9, on Barry Island at Barry Tourist Railway.

The market begins at 11am and ends at 3pm, and will be held the second Sunday of each month.

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The 'Between the Trees' festival certainly delivers the goods in Merthyr Mawr!

IT's fair to say that the 'Between the Trees' festival, which took place last weekend at Merthyr Mawr (August 31 to September 2), always intended to be more than just a music festival.

The intention was to make it a very family-friendly event, with activities laid on around the 100-acre festival site – where new attractions emerged in every clearing.

Despite the number of activities put on for the children – including nature projects and science lessons – there was the sheer fun of finding your way around the woods.

For the adults there was music, films, talks, beer and lager from Bridgend's Bang On brewery, quality street food from a range of entrepreneurs, and even cocktails served up in a pirate ship in the woods.

Saturday night's music concluded with a set from Welsh folk singer Martyn Joseph – Penarth-born and bred but with an international reputation, while Sunday's big finish was supplied by the bilingual Welsh singer songwriter, Al Lewis.

A surprise guest artist slot on Sunday was filled by Charlotte Church and her partner Jonathan Powell, and both were in fine voice.

There was no doubt that, at the end, as the crowd sang 'Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau', the happiest couple on site were organisers Andrew and Dawn, who are very hopeful that they will be able bring the festival back to Merthyr Mawr next year!

The crowd enjoying the weekend.

Kit Hawes and Aaron Catlow.

Organisers Andrew and Dawn hope to put the festival on again next year in Merthyr Mawr.

Charlotte Church and Jonathan Powell played on the Sunday.

Bridgend's John Nicholas performed on the Saturday.

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Good news this summer in the Vale

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by VALE AM JANE HUTT

LAST Monday, I joined Barry Hospital volunteer Mary Bollingham at the front door of Barry Hospital to tell the good news to patients and visitors that they no longer have to register their car details to attend a clinic, minor injuries or visit a relative because the parking system has changed.

After taking up many cases and supporting appeals against fines, I made the proposal to Cardiff and Vale UHB that the registration of vehicle registration numbers arrangements on arrival had caused worry, anxiety needless fines and financial hardship. I asked for the Llandough and UHW system to be brought into force – four free hours before you have to register.

The new system started on September 3 and was warmly welcomed by all those I met at Barry Hospital, many of whom had suffered from fines. Now we can truly say there is free parking at Barry Hospital within a four-hour period.

This is good news, makes good sense and shows the Health Board has listened and made this welcome change.

There has also been much to be thankful for over the past few weeks with the good news GCSE, A/AS and Welsh Baccalaureate results in the Vale. As ever, our young people have worked so hard and made the most of their education, with the backing of teachers, parents and carers. Further and higher education, apprenticeships and job opportunities now lie ahead for our school leavers.

I hope our young people will take advantage of the opportunity to become part of the new Welsh Youth Parliament, registering to vote and considering putting themselves forward to stand for election.

Please share the news with our 11-18 year olds across the Vale and in all our schools as voter registration will close on November 18. From September 3-30, you can apply to be part of the Welsh Youth Parliament with elections taking place on November 5 - visit https://www.youthparliament.wales/vote.

I would also like to thank the Llantwit Major Pride organisers for the excellent event held in the town on Saturday, September 1 involving the Chamber, Town Council, businesses, the Church, the cafes and pubs. It was great to see the Police, Fire Service, St John's Ambulance, Ambulance Trust, rugby club and dog show participation and I felt a great sense of togetherness and good spirit on this important day in Llantwit Major.

Raising awareness of diversity and equality was part of the message given by mental health charity Hafal at their Deeds not Words event in Vale Civic Offices last week as they launched their campaign on women's mental health in the Vale.

I was also glad to meet Soraya Kelly and her team to promote her fantastic '#Glovesareon' Cancer awareness campaign and would like to promote the 80th anniversary of RAFA Concert at All Saints Church, Barry on September 6 and the Festival of Remembrance Concert at the Memorial Hall Theatre on Saturday, September 22.

Thank you to all involved in the good news of this summer.

Dog walkers and council work together with Vale MP

RIGHT: The meeting on dog controls took place recently.

DOG walkers and the Vale Council are working closely together to meet the challenge to ensure that dog mess is cleaned up and there are sensible measures as a result of an intervention by Alun Cairns MP.

The Vale MP has brought community campaigners together with representatives from the Vale Council, including the Leader Cllr John Thomas and Cabinet Member Cllr Geoffrey Cox, to discuss the proposed 'dog controls'.

The controls, otherwise known as Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs), had caused a major backlash among dog owners in the Vale, with social media campaigns gathering thousands of followers.

The public consultation has now closed with the results expected to be released by October. The Council are in the process of considering responses and used this meeting to discuss their initial findings and how they can work in cooperation with responsible dog owners.

The aim of the meeting was to find a reasonable way forward and joint approach. This would attempt to meet the needs of dog owners but also tackles issues such as dog fouling.

At the meeting, it was decided that the Council will continue to regularly meet dog owners to track the progress of any changes that are introduced, ensuring dialogue from the community.

Mr Cairns said: "I'm very glad that the Council agreed to meet with me and members from the campaign group to discuss the proposals.

"This is a real result for dog owners and I felt that the meeting went very well, with both sides approaching the matter sensibly."

He added: "Having joined the campaign groups in their fight against excessive controls, I wanted to ensure that community voices are heard in this process. That's why I'm very pleased that the conversations will be continuous as this progresses, ensuring that dog owners can feedback on what works and what doesn't."

It's Nice to Rome on a bicycle

DUNRAVEN chairman, and Prostate Cymru president, David Brace is backing Prostate Cymru's Nice to Rome bike ride.

According to research, the cancer rate for men in Wales is the highest in the UK and prostate cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in Wales.

A spokesperson for Dunraven said: "The event we are supporting is the Nice to Rome cycle ride where a team of 42 people set off on September 2 to cycle over 550 miles to Rome, the ultimate aim of which is to raise £25,000 for the charity."

For more information, search online for Prostrate Cymru.

RW

Advice surgery

RESIDENTS are invited to attend the regular Plaid Cymru advice surgery on Saturday, September 8 between 11am and 12 noon at the Community Room, County Library, King Square, Barry.

Plaid Cymru Councillors Ian Johnson, Millie Collins, Mark Hooper, Nic Hodges, Shirley Hodges and Steffan Wiliam will be in attendance.

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CLIC Sargent thrilled with public's response to Oakfest

THE Vale village of Llanmaes was turned into 'Oakfest' on the Saturday of the bank holiday and cancer charity CLIC Sargent said it was thrilled by the response.

Organised by local resident and two times cancer survivor Llinos Griffin-Williams, it raised over £6,500 for CLIC Sargent and Cancer Research UK.

During the day, 1,000 people attended the event.

A CLIC Sargent spokeswoman said: "Oakfest was incredible with so much support for CLIC Sargent from the local community. We are thrilled with the money that has been raised to help us in our fight for young lives facing cancer."

The Paul Morgan Memorial Football Festival takes place on Saturday, September 8, in Porthcawl in support of CLIC Sargent.

TC

MP on African trade trip

SECRETARY of State for Wales and local MP Alun Cairns joined the Prime Minister Theresa May on her recent trip to Africa to discuss trade and investment opportunities.

Among the companies taking part in the visit are Carmarthenshire water technology company Hydro Industries and Cardiff-based Sure Chill, a leader in cooling technology.

The trip included South Africa, Nigeria and Kenya.

Mr Cairns said: "The African market presents so many opportunities for Welsh businesses looking to grow and to find new audiences outside of the EU.

"Companies like Hydro Industries and Sure Chill have already experienced significant success when taking their products around the world.

"I have no doubt that this visit will help to open more doors for them, and will be a real source of inspiration to other businesses from Wales looking to make waves in markets overseas."

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If you'd like to know more about Barnaby, contact Dogs Trust Bridgend on 01656 725219; or call in to the centre at Court Colman CF31 4NG. You can also visit the website at www dogstrust.org.uk.

Walkers to show off their art...

WITH weekly walks featuring regularly in The GEM, readers of the paper are no strangers to the work of the walking charity, Valeways.

Many of the walkers, however, are practicing artists and attend various art classes across the Vale.

'valeways@railways' is a special exhibition featuring the work of twelve Valeways walkers, volunteers and supporters.

The exhibition is housed at Travellers Gallery on Barry Station. Travellers Gallery/Café is jointly run by Mind in the Vale and VOGA and 'valeways@railways' is part of their gallery programme.

Organiser and Valeways volunteer Cen Williams said: "It's great to see that Valeways has so many talented artists and this is an ideal opportunity to appreciate and enjoy the fruits of their labour."

Valeways chairman, Phil Gibbins, thanks Mind and VOGA for their support and adds that although the exhibition has an open theme he hopes that the beauty of the Vale, seen on many of Valeways' walks is captured here for all to see and appreciate.

'valeways@railways' opens on Monday, September 10 and runs until Friday, October 19.

Free legal advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a legal session at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, September 11.

If you are over 50 and may be worried about making a will, you can have a chat to a local legal team based in Barry. This session runs between 10am-12 noon and no appointment is needed.

Controversial weedkiller: Local councils detail usage

FOLLOWING a landmark court case in California earlier this month where a jury ordered the chemical company Monsanto to pay £226m damages to a man who claimed herbicides containing glyphosate had caused his cancer, local authorities in the area have commented on their use of the chemical.

In the case, brought by a groundskeeper who was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2014, a jury found that Monsanto knew its Roundup and RangerPro weedkillers were dangerous and failed to warn consumers.

Glyphosate is the world's most common weed-killer and is used by the majority of local authorities on areas such as highways, footpaths and parks.

Following requests for details on whether councils use the specific brand Roundup or products with glyphosate in, many pointed to its approval for use by regulatory bodies.

Some councils said they would be reviewing the herbicide's usage while others said there was a need for national guidance on the issue.

A Welsh Government spokesman said guidance would "shortly" be issued to the Welsh Local Government Association.

He said: "We are in the process of producing a comprehensive information note for local authorities on glyphosate's current approval status and the statutory obligations for using plant protection products such as Roundup."

While there are conflicting reports over whether glyphosate can lead to cancer, the Californian case is the first lawsuit to go to trial alleging the link.

The World Health Organisation says it is "probably carcinogenic" to humans but the European Food Safety Authority says glyphosate is unlikely to cause cancer in humans.

The European Commission recently granted the weedkiller another five-year licence.

During the trial in California, the groundskeeper's lawyers said he regularly used a form of RangerPro while working at a school.

Monsanto denies that glyphosate causes cancer and says it intends to appeal against the ruling.

Local councils were asked:

- Whether they use Roundup on weeds or any product containing glyphosate.
- Whether they would be reviewing their usage if they do use the herbicide, following the Californian court ruling.
- Details on what they use to kill weeds if they don't use products containing glyphosate.

A spokesperson for Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) said: "When spraying weeds, our staff and contractors do use products that contain glyphosate as it is present in the vast majority of commercially available weed killers.

"All of our staff involved in weed spraying duties are given appropriate safety training and certification.

"Like all other local authorities, we will be keeping a close eye on any developments regarding the use of glyphosate."

A spokesperson for Cardiff City Council said: "I can confirm that we don't use Roundup on weeds, or any product which contains glyphosate."

A spokesperson for the Vale Council said: "The council does use glyphosate on its highway network, as do the majority of local authorities in the UK and Ireland at the present time.

"The council ensures that any chemicals used are authorised by the appropriate organisations and understands that glyphosate was licensed to use last November by the European Food Safety Agency and the European Chemicals Agency and that this position is supported by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

"Managing weeds in the Vale is absolutely necessary and the council only uses professional, experienced contractors, who adopt best practice, to carry out such work.

"We will monitor whether appropriate alternative solutions become available in relation to this issue and continue to follow all advice and guidance from relevant agencies."

Liz Bradfield and Anthony Lewis, Local democracy reporters

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Vale Council's catering service loses £243k in 'transition phase'

A new catering service being set up by the Vale Council has lost almost a quarter of a million pounds in a year – before it's even been fully launched.

The council will launch a company to deliver its catering services from April next year in a bid to save almost £230,000 across five years to 2022.

But a report has revealed the project lost £243,912 in 2017/18 as part of its 'transition phase'- which involves establishing the new brand, staff training and exploring new business opportunities.

That's almost five times more than the £54,054 that was forecasted in the initial business case.

Plaid Cymru has said any savings achieved by the new council-owned catering company have now been thrown into doubt.

But the council said the figures are not representative of the new company in operation.

Cllr Nic Hodges, vice-chairman of the council's learning and culture committee, said: "We were promised that the Vale's new catering trading company would be sustainable, but this first year alone has wiped out nearly all of the savings that were supposed to be made in the five-year business plan.

"There has been an overspend on rental costs and staffing which will continue every year unless they cut back on the service being provided."

The difference in costs were the result of a number of changes affecting the catering service as a council service, which were not forecasted at the time of the development of the business plan, the council says.

This includes £96,000 costs in gas safety testing and remedial work to ensure the service complies with legislation.

Some of the extra losses were caused because rental costs had been left out of the original projections in 2017, and staffing costs were higher than projected.

The council decided to set up the company in April 2017 to reduce costs and increase the commercial nature of the business, and to generate money to be invested into schools.

No reduction to staff numbers in the catering service has been planned.

Cllr Bob Penrose, Vale Council cabinet member for learning and culture, said elements of the original business plan have not yet had an opportunity to be fully implemented – which will have had an impact on the numbers presented.

He said: "It is important to note that these costs would have been incurred regardless of the project to establish a local authority trading company.

"The programme of work in establishing the LATC is aimed at providing alternative sources of income to mitigate and protect schools against these additional cost pressures.

"As a service within the council, catering has not overspent against its revenue budget."

Matt Discombe, Local Democracy Reporter

Do any other GEM readers have unidentified images to share?

I NOTED with interest Mr Pattenden's letter about glass negatives in last week's GEM.

This type of of photography was mainly used in the late 1890s and the clothes in the very nice images are of a similar period.

The daguerreotype was a single use positive image on a metal plate, which could not be printed or reproduced (as with a negative) which was first seen in the late 1830s until around the 1860s.

Hope that is of interest and perhaps other readers may have unidentified images to share?

David Swidenbank, Porthcawl.

The images were from the 1890s.

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Human stories of the Vale of Glamorgan Railway sought

I AM researching some of the human stories behind the construction of the Vale of Glamorgan Railway in the 1890s, and the many mainly young men and boys who were involved in accidents while working on it.

I already have a lot of factual information from contemporary sources, but would now like to try to contact any living relatives of those involved who may still live in the area and be willing to share any family stories about the men. I am very aware that there may be people still alive today with a close attachment to one of those involved, so I would like to gain their permission to recount what happened in any possible future publication. Some of the details may not be known by family members over 120 years later, so I would like to share some of my materials with them.

I am particularly keen to trace these men:

Thomas Alexander Morgan b.1874, Thomas Henry Price b.1867, and Martin Sullivan b.1875, all living in the area around Aberthaw and St Athan in 1895. Also, Robert Ambridge b. 1883 in Sussex, James Gully b. 1872, and Alexander Robertson Miller b. 1869, all living in the Barry area in 1895.

Lastly I am also looking for Thomas Wilcox, a foreman for the contractors who may have lived anywhere in the Glamorgan area, and died in 1896.

If any reader believes that they are related to, or know of, any of these men, and would be happy to talk to me, please contact me on 07747 021832 or at john.banks409@gmail.com

John Banks, Rhoose

PACT meetings

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' which is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Gibbonsdown PACT will be held at 10.30am on Tuesday, September 18 at the residents Board Office, Coychurch Rise, Barry

Meet your local officers at Penarth Police Station on Thursday, September 6 between 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

You can also meet your local officers at Penarth Leisure Centre on Thursday, September 13 at 10am.

Meet your local officer at Llantwit Major Library on Thursday, September 13 between 10.30am and 11.30am.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting please contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto www.south-wales.police.uk where you will find contact details for your local PCSO and you can contact them directly for non-emergency matters.

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Out & About with The GEM

There's no Happytime in this Murder-ously awful celluloid disaster...

AS we've seen from numerous TV shows and films, puppets and humans can co-exist together, usually in a harmonious, friendly way that may involve a singsong or two on a certain street.

But what if you stripped away the joy and happiness and threw humans and puppets into the sort of seedy world populated by the less-than-salubrious denizens of the world?

Then you have *The Happytime Murders*.

It stars Melissa McCarthy, playing detective Connie Edwards, who teams up with her former partner, private eye (and puppet) Phil Philips (Bill Barretta) when former members of TV show *The Happytime Gang* are being killed off.

Connie and Phil must reconcile their differences and track down the murderer before its too late...

Maybe it's my childish sense of humour, but the thought of seeing puppets drinking, swearing and generally behaving badly is something that tickles me.

Unfortunately, it's not something that can sustain a 90-minute film, as *The Happytime Murders* shows. It's a film that has the occasional big laugh, but all too often stutters along with perfunctory plotting, atypical gags that you expect from broad comedies and makes the audience lose the will to live long before the central mystery is uncovered.

On paper it seems a good idea, doing for puppets what *Team America: World Police* did for supermarionettes, or what *Avenue Q* has done on the stage – taking them from their pigeonhole of children's entertainment and bringing them into the adult world.

But on paper is the only place this comparison works, as the film is lacking the

by GARETH JAMIESON
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smarts and satire that these works played up.

It plays like a 1950s gumshoe mystery, the grizzled, whiskey-soaked PI with a chip on his shoulder, but with more swearing, sex and drugs references.

What's frustrating is that there are some clever ideas here (humans getting puppet organ transfers, the notion that all puppets do is sing and dance) but they just aren't executed to any satisfactory degree.

Technically it's impressive (and the end credits are worth sitting through, no matter how much you want to escape the cinema, to see how they filmed it) but it feels like faint praise at best.

Directed by Brian Henson (son of Jim, and director of the classic *Muppets Christmas Carol*), you expect the technical aspect of the film to be seamless and well done, but visually the film is flat and plods along, Henson seemingly happy to revel in the grown-up gags without bringing any flair or élan to proceedings.

Bill Barretta as Phillips nails the Marlowe-esque PI (in puppet form) he was no doubt aiming for, while Melissa McCarthy all to often falls back on name-calling improv or loudly raising her voice that, while her calling card, does little to raise the laugh rate here.

There's a dependable human cast around them, the likes of Elizabeth Banks, Joel McHale and Leslie David Baker, but it's the always-watchable Maya Rudolph who gets the most out of her character; as Phil's secretary, she plays to genre type but throws in enough to make her the most enjoyable character on show here.

What's most surprising is how lazily conceived the plot is; the murder mystery part is pretty obvious about halfway in, while the divide between humans and puppets, especially in the current climate, could have been explored far more interestingly and satirically, rather than just through a few offhand comments.

Once the shock of seeing puppets behaving badly wears off (and that's pretty much about five minutes in), you're left with a film that raises few laughs, a boring plot that is predictable and very little to warm to.

If you're looking for a Happytime then it's probably best you stay away from this Murder-ously awful effort.

VERDICT – A film with a gag that is one note, and that note one that plays for 90 minutes, means *The Happytime Murders* is a terrible film, one devoid of a decent script and, most importantly, laughs. The odd enjoyable turn doesn't lift the spirits of a film that is technically well done, but with little else to commend it for it's empty praise indeed. Avoid at all costs.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Team America: World Police* (2004), *Meet The Feebles* (1989)

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Concept Players bring musical gem to Penarth

Shane Rose-Goodsir, Hayley Toms and Kristian Zgorzelski as Frank, Mary and Charley.

THE Concept Players will be bringing a little-known musical GEM to the Paget Rooms in Penarth when they perform *Merrily We Roll Along* later this month.

It's one of Stephen Sondheim's early works and is one that marked him out as original and imaginative – a show where the songs tell a story that is both funny and sad.

It's the story of Frank, Mary and Charley, three close friends, but in the show, we meet them when they have grown apart, and the story gradually works backwards to the time when they met and hoped to make their mark on the world.

The story moves from 1976 Hollywood, where Frank has achieved everything except happiness, back through the years to 1957 New York when Frank, Mary and Charley's lives were simpler and full of hope.

With a larger-than-usual orchestra which will do justice to the rich, Broadway style melodies, this is a show that will enthral you and make you ask yourself, "What if I had my time again?"

Merrily We Roll Along opens at the Paget Rooms on Thursday, September 27 and runs until Saturday September 29. Tickets are now on sale at the box office.

What's on, and where in your area?

Valeways walks

ON Wednesday, September 12 at 10.30, the Cosmeston Coffee Shop Strollers meet outside the information centre at Cosmeston Country Park.

Also on September 12 at 2.30pm, the Llantwit Major Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Town Hall car park, Llantwit Major.

On Friday, September 14 at 10am, 'Towards Ystradowen' starting at the Farmer's Arms (CF71 7LE), Aberthin.

On Sunday, September 16 at 2.30pm, 'Ewenny and Views' starting at Ewenny Priory car park.

Cardio group's meeting

THE Cardiomyopathy UK Bridgend Support Group will meet on Saturday, September 8 from 2pm to 4pm at Pencoed Welfare Hall.

Organiser, Ann Harrison-Power, said: "We will be covering CPR and the use of an automated defibrillator (AED) which are important life-saving skills for us all to learn."

TELEV Project

ARE you living in Vale?

Do you live alone and want peace of mind 24 hours a day? The TELEV Project aims to improve quality of life by helping vulnerable people manage the risks of living in their own homes with a simple to use device.

An adviser from the project will be available to chat to and demonstrate the services available and this session will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 10am to 12 noon.

No appointment is needed just come along.

Lift Group meeting

THE Lift Group offers friendship and support to those affected by breast cancer.

We meet in a family home in Cowbridge once a fortnight, either between 10am and 1pm for relaxation therapies and coffee, or 2pm to 4pm for other activities such as speakers or trips out.

Come and join us, bring a friend, for friendly, supportive and confidential get-togethers.

If you know anyone who might benefit from this group, please ring Anne on 01446 772843 or Judith on 01446 794176 - we look forward to seeing you.

Charity coffee morning

KPC Youth & Community (next to Pil Primary) are holding a coffee morning between 9am-10.30am on Thursday, September 20, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief.

We will be joined at 9.30am by the Choir from Pil Primary School, and this will be followed by 'Fun Bingo' and raffle.

Admission is just £1 includes coffee/biscuits, cake will be on sale Please spread the word to help us make this event a great success for Macmillan, and please come along and support the children from Pil Primary School.

New season at cinema

DINAS POWYS Community Cinema's new season of movies starts on Saturday, September 8 with The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society.

The film tells the story of the unexpected experiences of a writer (Lily James) who travels to the island of Guernsey in the aftermath of World War II.

The cinema's new programme also includes The Leisure Seeker (October 13), Journey's End (November 10) and The Bookshop (December 8).

The volunteer-run cinema can be found at the Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys, CF64 4QQ. There will be a bar, ice cream and other refreshments for sale at all screenings. Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from the DPVC office at the rear of the Community Centre (weekday mornings) or via www.ticketline.co.uk/murchfieldcommunity centre.

Community fun day

COME along to Litchard Mission Church, Taylor Road, Bridgend, on Saturday, September 8, anytime from 11am to 4pm.

There's activities for all ages, a BBQ, crafts, old fashioned tea shop, games, stalls and more. Entry, all activities and refreshments (except items from the ice cream van) are free.

For more information, visit: www.litchardmission.co.uk, email: info@litchardmission.co.uk or visit the Litchard Mission Facebook page.

Barn dance

FANCY a do-si-do or promenade? Swing your partners along to Heronsbridge School, Ewenny Road, anytime between 3pm and 7pm on Saturday, September 29, where the Friends of Heronsbridge School are hosting a barn dance (with a live band) and fun day.

Tickets cost £2 for adults and £1 for children. Refreshments (including a BBQ) will be available to buy.

All proceeds directly benefit the pupils of Heronsbridge School - for further information, email fohsec542@btinternet.com.

Author offers up 'Welcome to Aber Tidy'

BRIAN Radford, a freelance investigative reporter and former racing editor of the Western Mail, has teamed up with his illustrator granddaughter Faye Deacon and produced a cracking little humourous book, *Welcome to Aber Tidy*.

With characters such as reporter Iva Scoop and jockey Willie Wynn, not to mention burglar Nick Silver, readers will find themselves laughing out loud.

These characters can only be found in Aber Tidy in Doolally Valley, a one-time mining town where Radford spent an imaginary year recording the extraordinary people and riotous events. Reading about life in Aber Tidy is an absolute tonic.

A passionate Welshman from Gowerton, near Swansea, and author of a number of books on horse racing and cricket, including ghosted autiobiographies, Radford is married to Jill, and has a son Toby, daughter Rebecca and three grandchildren.

His hobbies include watching cricket, singing in male voice choirs, writing fun stories and staying in touch with his 'wonderful' grandchildren.

Welcome to Aber Tidy by Brian Radford and Faye Deacon is published by New Generation Publishing at £6.99 and is also available on Amazon.

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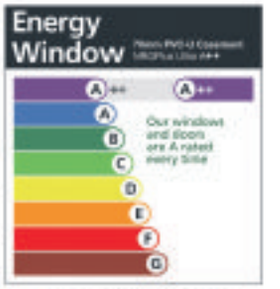

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Readers' Letters Extra

Plea to rethink parking charges in Vale

MAY I, through the pages of The GEM, on behalf of all of the businesses in High Street, plead with the Vale Council not to introduce parking charges after only one hour.

Many years ago, when parking restrictions were first introduced to High Street a consultation took place between traders and councillors where it was agreed that two hours would be enough time for shoppers to do their shopping, have a browse around the shops, maybe a coffee and a bite to eat with friends or even visit the barbers/hairdressers.

One hour is not enough. People will visit the shop they want and leave as they won't have time for anything else.

A terrible thought is that they might not even visit our street at all but shop out of town or at one of the many supermarkets that have been built all over Barry and have free parking.

We understand that budget cuts are forcing councils to look at ways of generating money so maybe think about charging after two hours.

Give the public time to shop on our street, or possibly look closer to home to save money – I do believe the civic offices have free parking!

Hundreds of people have signed the petition that we have going in High Street and we hope the council will take people's objections into account.

Small independent businesses are the lifeblood of our community and need all the help they can get in today's on-line and out of town shopping culture.

We do not need another barrier to climb to earn an honest living.

Anthony Hopkins, chairman of High Street Traders Association

Does the Police Force support other charities in this way?

ON Saturday, September 1, I went into Llantwit Major to do some shopping.

I knew there was going to be a Gay Pride event, but I was shocked to see a police car decked out in rainbow colours.

Why don't the Police do this for other charities?

I can think of other community causes that would benefit from this kind of support.

Mrs Maureen Stokes, Boverton.

Sensory garden is now open

A BESPOKE sensory garden and playground at Y Bont in Bridgend was opened last week.

Ann Sherwood, CEO of the charity – which supports disabled babies, children, and their families said: "This playground and garden has transformed the outside space for Y Bont children, they absolutely love it.

"With thism our children can now have safe learning and play in the open air, which also helps with their health and wellbeing."

The playground was funded by Freudenberg Oil & Gas Technologies Ltd, which was asked to choose a local charity to support from a list of charities provided by Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations.

Following a successful application, Y Bont received a grant of £54,000 and the support of employees from Freudenberg's Port Talbot operation, who gave up many weekends to volunteer and complete the work.

The company surprised Y Bont by offering an additional £25,000 each year for the next two years.

Ms Sherwood thanked staff and parents, as well as Bridgend Rotary Club, Prescott Jones Insurers Ltd and Rob at BDS Paints who provided the extra money and supplies to enable the front garden to be completed.

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Get Back on Track for a new start!

SEPTEMBER is the perfect time to think about making some changes in your life and perhaps improving your skills and qualifications by enrolling on a course.

A series of 'Sign Up Sessions' are taking place across the Vale next week with the chance to drop in and enrol or find out more about a range of courses in your local area.

The week starts with a Sign Up Saturday event on September 8, 10am to 1pm at Palmerston learning centre. Staff will be on hand with information and advice on the best course for you.

There will be a range of adult education opportunities on offer including ValeCourses, Essential Skills, Welsh for Adults and Get back on Track.

The Vale Council Get Back on Track programme provides a wide variety of courses right across the Vale in partnership with other providers, including Communities4Work, Job Centre plus, Careers Wales and Flying Start

The courses are FREE to those eligible and a free crèche is provided at some centres.

Our digital skills workshops will give you the chance to work towards the ECDL European Computer Driving License, which is a well-recognised national qualification and available at all levels.

Additional courses in wdesign, and photography and sign language are also useful for the workplace.

Courses in hairdressing, beauty and childcare and health and social care are an ideal stepping stone to further education and for those looking for employment or volunteering opportunities there are a range of short courses in hospitality, customer care, and health and safety.

Our Personal Development Toolkit will help build your confidence and self esteem, improve your communication skills and help you manage your stress.

A range of first steps informal learning courses in healthy eating and mindfulness, upcycling, woodwork and sugarcraft can help you to build your confidence, improve your health and wellbeing and start thinking about other opportunities

Reading, writing and maths are essential skills that help you get on in work and life in general. If you want to improve your skills or if you don't have any qualifications, then this is the place to start.

Classes at all levels are available at the Vale Learning Centre and other centres throughout the Vale. You can start at any time and attend when it suits you, either day or evening.

For more information drop in to the Sign Up events or pick up a course list from Vale of Glamorgan buildings or libraries or online at www.gbotfree.org or call Palmerston centre 01446 733762.

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Summer was fabulous!

WHAT a fabulous summer we've had. We are not normally able to wear our summer wardrobe as much as the rest of the year, but most of us found that we didn't actually have enough.

What I found really lovely was that all the usual inhibitions we have about bearing our arms and wearing short shorts went out of the window, the weather gave us all the confidence boost we needed!

As the weather starts to change we can turn our attention to more comfortable autumn wear. We are getting deliveries every day and it's really exciting to see the sumptuous soft fabrics.

Olsen have surpassed their high standards this season, lovely textured trousers in navy and bronze teamed with a must-have beautifully soft faux fur gilet an outfit to take you anywhere. As well as giving us tailored wear, the Olsen jeans are hugely popular and this season; we have tobacco and grey, as well as the usual neutral denim, black and navy.

Olsen, Marble and Bianca always thoughtfully bring an easy user-friendly capsule wardrobe so it takes the hassle out of what goes with what. Marble knitwear and jeans are another favourite at Samantha B, beautiful colours this season too. Capri has also started to arrive, super quality with a slightly quirky design, dresses and tunics in glorious autumnal colours with coordinating accessories.

Fransa also produces lovely quality knitwear at really affordable prices in natural fibres. If you are looking for a good all-round trouser, call in and try a pair of Brandtex, great quality at really affordable prices.

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Expert's advice could help to avoid dispute

BRENDAN SWEENEY, of David Prosser & Co Solicitors, writes:

It is estimated that 60 per cent of the UK population does not have a will.

A will takes effect on your death, and is an instruction as to what is to happen to your estate.

Probate disputes and challenges to wills are becoming a growth area, which often leads to substantial costs.

We now live in a world where family relationships are often very complex, and expert advice regarding the drafting of a will is essential.

A professional advisor can also advise you in relation to inheritance tax, and how you plan to minimise potential liabilities to it.

It is important that people are fully aware of their duties and financial responsibilities when they make a will, to ensure that they comply with the technicalities that are required to have a valid will.

The cost of a professionally-drafted will, after taking advice, is considerably less than the costs that can be incurred if there is a dispute regarding your financial affairs after your death.

Substantial costs can also be saved by taking professional advice early, and putting in place powers of attorney – whereby you appoint trusted people to make decisions about your property and financial affairs and health and welfare, if you lose capacity.

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What will your legacy be?

THE Wallich has launched a Free Wills Month for September 2018 to change the lives of people experiencing homelessness.

Teaming up with four Welsh solicitors, anyone aged 50-plus can make or update their will – free of charge.

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Full terms and conditions can be found at www.thewallich.com/free-wills.

Daniel gets a birthday greeting from Radio 2!

A HIGHLY-decorated former Royal Engineer celebrating his 103rd birthday at a Cardiff care home was wished happy birthday live on air by BBC Radio 2 this week.

Daniel Rosewell who lives at Tŷ Llandaff, an 'all-inclusive', residential, nursing, palliative and respite care home in Pontcanna, had his milestone birthday announced by actor, singer and broadcaster Michael Ball on his show to kick off a day of celebrations for the centenarian.

Daniel went on to celebrate his birthday in style with his family, friends, fellow residents and staff at a party at Tŷ Llandaff, starting with a buffet reception, followed by music from local acts, dancing and, of course, a birthday cake.

Musician Nick Russell entertained guests with guitar playing and singing with residents and staff dancing along. Nick was followed by a jam session from local duo, The Three Double Liners.

In his younger years, Daniel received five medals for his service during the Second World War including the Defence Medal, Italy Star, Africa Star, the 1939-45 Star and 1939-45 Medal.

He was in service throughout the whole of the war, seeing action against the Germans and Italians in Africa and Europe before returning home in 1945. He married Betty in 1939 and the couple had three children.

On leaving the Army, Daniel continued to work in engineering before moving into the furniture removals industry.

Janice Evans, care home manager at Tŷ Llandaff, said: "We are so pleased to help Daniel celebrate his 103rd birthday in style. He is great fun and brings a smile to all of the team's faces here, every day. The party went really well and everyone seemed to have a good time. He didn't stop smiling!

"Having his birthday announced live on Radio 2 was just the icing on the cake for Daniel. It was the idea of our head chef – Barry White – to ask for the mention and Michael Ball did Daniel proud! He just couldn't believe his ears when he heard his name. It really made the day extra special."

For more information about Tŷ Llandaff call Janice on 02920 600 100, email info@tyllandaffcare.com or visit www.tyllandaffcare.com.

Health Beauty & fitness

Your chance to get started with yoga

DANIELLE Nichols is a British Wheel of Yoga qualified teacher with over 16 years experience in teaching yoga of all levels, including foundation level teacher training.

She says: "Even though I regularly teach classes at beginner and intermediate level, I appreciate that there are still people I would like to reach out to who would love to practise yoga, but for whatever reasons lack confidence or may doubt their physical capability to participate.

"Thankfully yoga is welcoming and embracing – there are many aspects to practicing yoga, it is not dependent on performing strenuous postures on a yoga mat!

"As yoga practitioners we focus on the movement of Prana (cosmic energy) throughout our bodies. The more we become aware of this vital energy source, we also become able to generate positive energy, thoughts and feelings throughout our entire being.

"The practice of chair yoga will support and encourage this.

"I do hope to meet some new yoga friends who feel that this could be just what they need!"

For more information on Danielle's classes and yoga retreats, visit www.daniellenicholls.co.uk.

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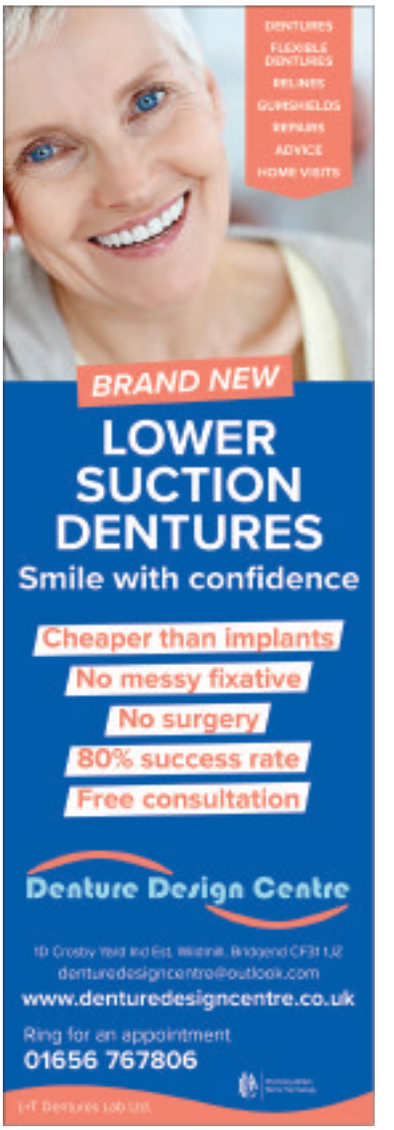

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Low-cost nail-cutting service is now available

AGE Connects Cardiff & Vale provide a low-cost nail-cutting service to provide basic foot care services to older people in the local community.

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New Pilates class for beginners

THERE is the chance to join a new Pilates class for beginners in Barry.

Starting on Thursday September 20 at 9am, the class is suitable for complete beginners and those with a little experience of Pilates. The course lasts for six weeks and costs £45.

Pilates builds core strength and helps improve your posture using low impact stretching and conditioning exercises.

However Pilates works far more than your core muscles providing you with a full body workout. You feel muscles working that you didn't even know you had!

Exercises are performed on the mat, with everyone working at their own pace. Classes are led by Sharon who is an experienced, qualified teacher. Sharon loves to see people at the end of a class looking relaxed and refreshed.

The classes are held at St Nicholas Hall, Barry, CF62 6QX. To secure your place in the new class or for information about other classes, contact Sharon on 07830 085606 or email sharonpilates@hotmail.com.

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Face Clinic can freeze that fat away

FACE Clinic has been established 29 years and is one of the top businesses in its field.

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Cryo Freeze is also known as Fat Freezing and is one of the clinic's most popular treatments - normally £300 per area, the clinic is offering this treatment for £75 for one area and £100 for two areas (taken at the same time.)

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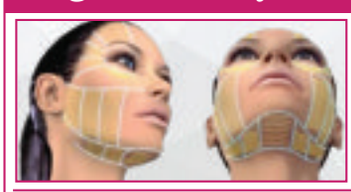

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Ringing in a new treatment for tinnitus at Malmo Hearing

NEW treatment brings hope for tinnitus sufferers across south Wales as a pioneering tinnitus treatment has been introduced for the first time at Malmo Hearing.

It is estimated more than 244,398 people in Wales suffer from tinnitus – the sensation of hearing a ringing, whizzing, roaring, buzzing, hissing or other type of continuous sound which has no external source.

Malmo Hearing Ltd, which has outlets in Bridgend and Newport as well as satellite clinics across south Wales, is now licensed by The Tinnitus Clinic to provide its unique evidence-based Tinnitus Desensitisation TherapyTM (TDT).

TDT is a new therapeutic pathway specially designed for patients who suffer with invasive tinnitus. TDT provides a bespoke range of therapies selected to meet an individual's tinnitus acoustic profile and experience of tinnitus.

Therapeutic techniques are used to control tinnitus awareness with the long-term goal of encouraging the brain to filter out the tinnitus perception from consciousness.

Lead audiologist at Malmo Hearing, Mal Johnston, has many years' experience in the hearing health profession and is fully trained in the latest innovations, testing procedures and products.

Mal said: "Bringing The Tinnitus Clinic to this area will enable millions of sufferers to have improved access to life changing treatment. Tinnitus affects 30 per cent of people at some point in their lives. For some, it's a persistent problem and can have a significant impact on everyday activities, with severe cases causing distress, insomnia, and depression.

"It's a common myth that people just 'have to live with tinnitus'. But this simply isn't true, there are treatments that can help and I'd urge anyone suffering to get in touch.

"Patients can self-refer for an appointment or be referred by a GP or other healthcare professional. We'd love you to come and learn more about the treatment and how it's helping people across the county."

So, if you're a tinnitus sufferer or think that you may have the symptoms of this ailment that affects so many across the country, why not arrange an appointment at Malmo to see what these revolutionary treatments can do for you?

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New parking system trialled at Barry Hospital

THE days of parking fines at Barry Hospital could be over after Cardiff and Vale University Health Board announced new regulations had been agreed.

In the past, visitors and patients to the hospital had complained of being fined due to misunderstandings in how the system worked.

The revised system will provide automatic free parking for up to four hours with no need to enter a vehicle registration up front, unless patients or visitors plan to stay for more than four hours.

The new system became operational on September 3.

Local AM Jane Hutt, who had pressed for the changes to car parking arrangements, welcomed the move and the fact that constructive discussions with health chiefs had reached a positive conclusion.

She said: "I am delighted my proposal to change the car parking arrangements at Barry Hospital has been accepted by the health board with the Llandough arrangements for four hours free parking coming into force at Barry Hospital.

"I have been supporting constituents faced with parking fines, often escalating, as a result of the current system since it was introduced.

"I trust and hope the new arrangements, which will be trialled over the new few months, will bring relief and confidence to patients and visitors to Barry Hospital.

"The car park is strictly reserved for Barry patients and visitors and I trust it will not be used for any other parking purpose and this will be monitored so the new scheme can be made permanent by Christmas."

A spokesman for the health board said it had listened to the public and hoped the new system would be more user-friendly.

"We listened to patient and visitor feedback on the current system and responded by making changes which will make their visit to the hospital more flexible and allow more time for visits.

"With the old system, patients and visitors had to register their vehicle as soon as they arrived on site. Under the new system they will have up to four hours of parking and when they need to stay longer than four hours, they can do so by entering their vehicle into one of the terminals at the hospital entrance."

Signs on the site will be changed and the automatic number plate recognition cameras will continue to operate.

Vale AM Jane Hutt with Maria Battle Chair of Cardiff and Vale UHB, Len Richards chief executive, and Peter Welsh operational manager for Barry Hospital.

News in brief

International Film Fest in Wales

THE annual Ocean Film Festival will sweep towards the seaside town of Porthcawl this weekend with a brand new selection of awe inspiring ocean films.

The team behind the Banff Film Festival UK Tour will take its collection of short films which celebrate divers, paddlers, surfers and oceanographers, to Porthcawl Grand pavilion on Friday, September 7, as part of the town's September Seascape lineup.

Ocean Film Fest will start at 7.30pm on September 7. Tickets are priced from £12-£13.50. For more information and tickets go to http://www.grandpavilion.co.uk/events/3442-2018-Ocean-Film-Festival-World-Tour/.

For Seascape events coming to Porthcawl, visit http://www.bridgendbites.com/blog.

Family fun day

GALLAGHER will be holding a family fun day on Saturday, September 15 at Castle Green, Llantrisant.

The day starts at 11am, and there will be a 5k run, jog, stroll or walk! There is no entry fee and fancy dress is optional, however you must register prior to the event – visit ajginternational.com/fun day for more information.

There will also be hot dogs, ice-cream, a sweet trolley, face painting, a choir and GTFM will be live.

Bargain Hunt's Mark at Bridgend charity shop

Mark Stacey. Image courtesy of www.markstacey.co.uk.

WALES Air Ambulance's Bridgend shop is inviting members of the public to turn their rags to riches in a special valuation day event.

On Sunday, September 16, members of the public will be able to have their possessions valued by an antiques expert.

Popular TV antique valuer and auctioneer, Mark Stacey will be visiting the shop between 10am and 3pm offering expert valuations on anything from ornaments to jewellery.

Famous for appearing on *Bargain Hunt*, *Flog It* and *Antiques Road trip*, Mark is an expert antiques dealer and has worked at some of the top auction houses across the UK.

Wales Air Ambulance area retail manager, Donna Rogers said: "This is an exciting opportunity for people to pop down to our Bridgend shop and have their prized possessions valued by the ever-popular Mark Stacey. You never know, you maybe be sitting on a gold-mine!

"During the event, there will be a charge of £2 per item or £5 for three items to be valued. All proceeds raised on the day will be donated directly to the charity and help fund our lifesaving work."

Wales Air Ambulance Bridgend shop manager Sandra John said: "We are always looking for volunteers to come and join us and would love to hear from anyone who is willing to spare us a few hours during the week to help out at the shop."

Wales Air Ambulance not only has 17 shops across Wales but also provides a free collection service for pre-loved or unwanted items.

Donna added: "People wishing to make use of the free collection service or have an interest in volunteering should contact the Bridgend shop directly: 01656 649475.

"Find out more at www.walesairambulance.com."

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The Vale's first Pride event takes place in Llantwit Major and draws the crowds

PHOTOGRAPHS by ANDY WICKS
Telephone 07855 374478

THE Vale's first ever Pride event took place in Llantwit Major on Saturday, September 1.

It was supported by local pubs, businesses and sports clubs.

Llantwit Major RFC played their first match of the season in support of the event.

Organisers said they hoped MajorPride/PrideMawr would bring the community together and encourage more people to visit the historic town.

Photographer Andy Wicks captured these images of the day.

Medical facilities for a new town and the early GPs 1888-1908 by Laurie Owen Part 8b continued

Local historian Laurie Owen continues his look at the rapid growth of the town of Barry during the period 1888 to 1908.

INFECTIOUS diseases such as scarlet fever, diarrhoea, typhoid, and whooping cough were a major concern and the MoH Dr Neale had been trying to convince the Local Board of the need for a permanent hospital.

In November 1893, the committee served notice of 'compulsory purchase' of the 11,295 acres of Sully Island owned by the Right Honourable Baron Wimborne. Earlier plans on land at the Colcot had been abandoned following Local Government concerns over drainage.

A year later, the temporary hospital erected in 1891 was removed from the Docks to the Colcot site in the hope of making it permanent. Four years later, the UDC were granted a loan of £6,047 to build a permanent infectious diseases hospital at the Colcot, with Sully Island a thing of the past.

In June, an 'ambulance carriage' was purchased for 90 guineas to convey smallpox patients to and from the hospital, with a shed to be built to house it.

In 1897, when bubonic plague from Bombay was reported, Dr Neale visited the ships in quarantine daily until they were free of infection and well aware of the dangers.

Frustratingly for the doctor, George Rutter would not start building at the Colcot for another two years and although it was reported in February 1899 that the new hospital was ready, Dr Neale added that it was 'complete except for furniture'.

The following year, the Local Government Board sanctioned use of the sanatorium for smallpox only, with the County Council confirming that no other diseases could be admitted while smallpox was being treated.

Dr Neale further declared that when it was 'furnished' by 1902, it was only seamen who would be treated for smallpox and typhoid fever. His report also said that Barry townspeople would not be admitted for another 10 years and to illustrate the local demand, in 1913 there were 135 admissions with 268 the year after.

In 1904, 119 children under the age of one had died, with 33 deaths caused by mothers still not knowing how to feed infants properly. Two years later, Dr Neale announced that the infant death rate was 'as high as it was 70 years ago'.

After striving to improve the health of young children for almost 20 years, this fact would have caused him distress on a personal level but should also have spurred on councillors to address the issues at the Colcot Sanatorium and the much-delayed new accident hospital in Wyndham Street.

The Notification of Births Act was adopted in 1908 and this would lead to the lowering of the infant death rate, much to the delight of Dr Neale. Nurses from Woodlands Road would now visit the homes of new babies five times in the first year, to instruct and advise mothers on their general welfare. In the following year, nurses made 3,221 visits and the number of infant deaths dropped by 34 per cent, with similar improvement thereafter.

Meanwhile in December 1892, the Local Board had been refused permission to build a separate cholera hospital on Flat Holm. Cardiff Corporation allowed patients from Barry to be treated at their existing hospital on the island for a fixed sum per head. After years of persistence, they finally agreed to extend the hospital, with Barry still paying a fixed sum per head but also a share of the £3,000 building costs.

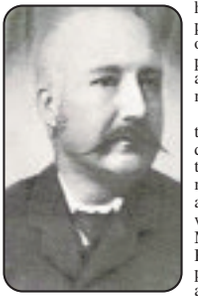
The Marquis of Bute leased the land for 99 years at £100 pa and in May 1897, the official inspection took place. There were 12 beds in two wards, a laundry block and a crematorium, all built with stone from the island. This would isolate all patients arriving by sea, preventing them from reaching dry land and was the only Victorian sanatorium to be built on a British offshore island.

A historic occasion took place in 1897, when 22-year-old Italian inventor Guglielmo Marconi transmitted the first wireless signal over open sea from Flat Holm to Lavernock, a distance of four miles.

Back on dry land, in August 1900 there was much debate over a permanent smallpox hospital at the Waycock, with Joshua Prout winning the £8,160 contract and the Local Government Board sanctioning a loan of £8,000. The land cost £1,530 but, as always seemed to happen, political infighting would take up a great deal of time, before any construction could begin.

JC Meggitt wanted to continue using the temporary hospital, possibly on Barry Island or at Colcot Road and advised that a new one could cost upwards of £11,000. With only 23 smallpox cases treated in the last seven years, this seemed a sound financial argument. However, Dr O'Donnell wanted to proceed with a permanent one purely on medical grounds, backed up by the British Medical Journal and *The Lancet*.

Local feelings however were running high against the good doctor's opinion and there followed a huge procession of 250 'vehicles' and protesters with banners such as



Dr Neale.

'Britons never will be slaves' and 'trust the people'.

While wealthy residents such as John Lowdon, the graving dock manager and popular chairman of the School Board, were the proud owners of 'ingenious new motor cars' in 1899, it seems unlikely that he would have risked his prized possession in such a convoy.

The vehicles assembled would have been horses drawing carts, traps, cabs, carriages, hackney carriages, brakes and single horsemen. Locals lining the streets must have been in awe at the sight of so many and such variety of 'transport'.

While protest may have delayed the project and lessened the cost to ratepayers, in time the permanent hospital would be built. When the smallpox hospital finally opened on Waycock Road in early 1908, architect and town surveyor JC Pardoe had designed a smaller complex which HS Rendell built for £4,624, including £832 for the land. On an elevated two acre site with a six feet stone boundary wall, access was by way of a 200 yard 'carriage drive' from the main road.

There were male and female wards with four beds in each and a further four beds in an observation block, plus the usual facilities for nursing staff.

Many years later while taking students to this location by coach, the long carriage drive was still very narrow and I was shocked to discover there was no easy way to turn around after dropping my passengers. On reflection, it must have been a challenge with horses and a carriage.

When Dr Neale retired in 1914, his colleague Percy Wheeler Kent was appointed Medical Officer of Health and years later Glamorgan County Council honoured them both by naming the hospital on Colcot Road, the 'Neale and Kent'.

Following his death in 1917, it was revealed that Dr Neale had left funds to enable a charity in his name to benefit the poor children of Barry. Its aims were to help with the relief of poverty, the promotion of education and provision of items such as clothes and boots for many years to come.

The good doctor came to Barry as work on the docks began in 1884 and two years later, he married Sarah Matthews at Penmark Church. He was the first GP and Medical Officer of Health and featured prominently in the fight against all disease.

Thousands of new residents attracted many doctors and this short list highlights how inexperienced some of them were. Several became members of the Local Board and various committees, helping to build the infrastructure needed for the town to develop.

Only doctors who came to Barry prior to 1900 have been included and we should remember that treatment would have to be paid for, either through worker's insurance, friendly society benefits or their own means.

Alfred Joseph Gore, born c1864 in Australia, qualified LRCP(London) MRCS(Eng) in 1886 and assisted Dr Neale for several years in TA Walker's hospital in High Street. When that closed in 1889, he opened two rooms in Princess Street as a temporary hospital, to treat workers injured on the docks. He was living on Barry Road with wife Edith and three young children, before moving to Chester.

Edward Treharne qualified LRCP, LRCS(Ed), LRFPS(Glas) in 1888 and opened a practice in Vere Street two years later. He was living at 1 Belle Vue Terrace with wife Nellie Elizabeth and four-year-old David Edward, until her tragic death in 1897. Two years later he married Margaret Louise Crooke and in 1901 they were living with eight-year-old Leslie at 'Cadoxton House' before his sudden death of heart disease three years later, aged just 42.

He served on the Local and School Boards, the UDC, was a County Councillor and appointed JP in March 1896.

John Powell qualified LRCP LRCS(Ed) in 1882 and left a position at Carmarthen Lunatic Asylum in August 1889. The following June he opened a surgery near the Victoria Hotel and moved into his newly built home at 21 Porthkerry Road in 1895, with his surgery then at 161 Holton Road.

He served on the Burial Board and was still active in town in 1919.

William Lloyd Edwards qualified MRCS(Eng) LRCP(Lond) in 1884 and bought a house at 23 Iddesleigh Street (later Main Street) in 1889. Two years later he was briefly at Glebe Terrace (Holton Road) before moving to 'Gwynfryn', 142 Holton Road. When he died in December 1911 he was living at 'Glanhafren', Romilly Park with his father and sister.

He served on the School Board.

Peter Joseph O'Donnell qualified LRCSI(Dublin) in 1882, arriving in Barry four years later. He immediately became involved in the community as the town grew, living at 24 Barry Road in 1891 and 1901 before moving to the 'Towers' at 163 Holton Road by 1911. When he died in 1937 he was living at 159 Holton Road.

A member of the first Local Board in 1888, at various times he was on the School Board and Public Works, Bye-Laws and Health Committees. He remained very active and was still a member of the UDC in 1919.

John Livingstone qualified MB.CM(Glas) in 1888 and MD in 1900, with a surgery at 10 High Street. He lived at the 'Towers', 163 Holton Road in 1891, joined four years later by his wife Mary and son Duncan. For various reasons it was not a happy marriage and there followed a very bitter divorce in 1905.

He next lived alone at 'Arno House', 159 Holton Road, then married Kate Maria Williams in early 1917 before dying four years later. He was a member of the School Board.

Nicholas John Northey Bray qualified MRCS(Eng) LRCP(Lond) in 1886 and set up in practice at 'Plimsoll House', Kingsland Crescent by March 1892. From the outset he was very busy, being so close to the docks and by 1901 he was still in the Crescent at number 86, 'The Hollies'. By the time of his death in 1916 aged just 57, he had built up a large practice over 23 years. He served on the Hospital Committee.

Charles Francis Gilborne Sixsmith qualified LRCP and LRCS(Edin) LRFPS(Glas) in 1892 and began practice at 188 Holton Road while living at 13 Glebe Terrace(Holton Road). From 1910 he lived and worked at 1 Holton Road with wife Muriel, remaining there until his death in 1936. This purpose-built property was on the corner of Lower Buttrills Road where the Register Office used to be. He served on the Hospital Committee and the UDC.

Patrick Alexander Kelly qualified LRCSI 1873, LRCP(Edin) and LM 1874, was in East Barry in the autumn of 1891 and by the next census was living at 'Avoca', 26 York Place with wife Margaret, Robert and Kathleen, before dying the following summer aged 53. He was on the Barry Dock Nursing Association and Hospital Committees.

John Charles King qualified MRCS(Eng) LRCP(Lond) in 1892 and a year later was appointed assistant Medical Officer to Dr Neale, replacing Dr Rosser Evans. In 1895 he became a partner of Dr Neale, living with him at 'Mountsorrel', Porthkerry Road. After a long career he retired to the Parade and died in April 1954.

George Gillon Irving born in Calcutta, qualified LRCS and LRCP(Ed) LRFPS(Glas) in 1896, arrived in Barry two years later. His practice was at 'Lindisfarne', 1 Windsor Road, where he lived with wife Lily until his death in 1934. He was known locally for visiting patients on foot and never owning a car.

Percy Wheeler Kent qualified MRCS(Eng) LRCP(Lond) then later DPH(Cambridge). He assisted Dr. Treharne from 1899, before becoming a partner in the practice at 'Arno House', 159 Holton Road. In 1911 he was living with his wife Martha at 'Springbank', Porthkerry Road then three years later was appointed MOH on Dr Neale's retirement. When he died in 1953, his home was at 3 Park Court, Park Road.

Percy Christopher Charles Billups qualified MRCS(Engl) LRCP(Lond) in 1886 and opened a practice at 23 Plymouth Road in July 1897. After many years on the Island, he died in 1938 at Henley.

Samuel P Smith qualified LRCP and LRCS(Ed) LRFPS(Glas) in 1893 and was living at 2 Park Road in the 1901 census with wife Alice and three month old Maud. It is probable that he left the area as quietly as he had arrived.

Edward John Herington Budge, qualified LRCP LRCS(Ed) LRFPS(Glas) in 1894 and arrived in Barry four years later, with a practice at 49 Kenilworth Road and also a surgery at Dock View Chambers. With sister Annie Elizabeth, their home and practice in 1901 was at 'Broomcroft' on the corner of Court Road and Dovedale Street, where he was living when he died at the accident hospital in 1943.

Alfred Neville Wilde qualified MRCS(Eng) LRCP(Lond) in 1895, with his practice and home at 29 Court Road with wife Ellen by December 1898. In late 1914, he went to France as a military surgeon with the War Office and finally died in 1932 at Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia.

Alfred's parents were Lieutenant-General Sir Alfred Thomas Wilde, KCB CSI and Ellen Margaret (nee Greene) and when widowed, Lady Wilde paid a visit to Barry in June 1899, staying at the Windsor Hotel, no doubt to the delight of the proprietor, J Weaver. She later lived at 'Dalhousie', 313 Barry Road, then in June 1905 bought the larger house called 'Tynewydd'. There were no further reports of her after October 1906, but she died in 1921 at Galway.

The advert announcing the opening of the Windsor Hotel in 1896 must have attracted the Lady, being central and within walking distance of her son's surgery.

Although the practice was at number 29, it was situated on the corner of Maes-y-Cwm Street, with large stables for his horses. A large surgery still exists there in 2018.

Elias Ranson Bowen qualified LMSSA in 1896 and then MD five years later. With wife Margaret he was living at 4 Kingsland Crescent in 1900, but after a very short stay they moved to Bargoed.

William Griffith Owen MB master surgeon (Glas) had a practice at 16 Romilly Road in 1900 but records show him at Conway Road, Canton three years later and then at Penygroes in 1919.

Dental Surgeons gradually appeared but all patients would have been treated privately.

In 1892, Joseph Thompson Willows LDS RCS of Cardiff held a surgery at Jones' Chemist, Holton Road each Tuesday.

Edward Kemp Cannell LDS RCS opened his practice at 144 Holton Road in 1896, living at 'Clarence Villa' 157 Holton Road for many years.

In 1899, C Morgan of Cardiff held a clinic at J Reynolds' Chemist in Holton Road twice a week.

Then later, Richard Pittard Davies LDS RCS opened his surgery at 2 Windsor Road and 186 Holton Road, William Stoddart LDS RCS(Edin) was at 'Rosemont' 8 Canon Street and William Moffatt at 142 Holton Road.

Funding for older people in the Vale

FIVE organisations shared £27,000 of funding for a wide range of services in the Vale recently aimed at older people.

The services funded were:

• A dedicated caseworker who will link to GPs and give advice and support to older people.

• Weekly intergenerational activities to help address loneliness, isolation and sedentary living for up to 35 ethnic minority men and women aged 50+ and young people aged 16 - 25.

• Services to support requests received from carers about financial matters. This will specifically provide support for older carers.

• The establishment of a second Barry support group for older people who experience depression and anxiety.

• A new nail cutting service in Penarth and an extension to the current clinic in St Athan.

The Cardiff & Vale Integrated Health and Social Care Partnership allocated the £27,000, via the Vale Council, to support these community activities and services.

The fund was provided by the Welsh Government's Integrated Care Fund and administered by Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS).

If you would like further information about these and other services in the community, please contact Linda Pritchard at Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS).

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Val remembered at Dinas village show

Guest of honour Mike Hartrey presents the Show Plate to Liz Richards, Champion of the Show.

THERE was a tribute to Val Hartrey at the Dinas Powys village show.

This year's chairman, Keith Hatton, paid tribute to Val and her role in saving the show when it was faced with closure.

He said that she was determined that the show would continue and rebuilt the organising committee.

The guest of honour this year was Mike Hartrey who presented the trophies.

The show saw a pleasing number of new visitors as well as past supporters.

The flower exhibition benches had a dazzling array of roses, herbs, gladiola, house plants and dahlias.

Liz Richards won the Garden Society Challenge Cup and Randell Rose Bowl for flowers, shrubs and house plants and floral art.

The Cooking, Baking and Preserving Trophy went to top cook Shirley Willis.

Nigel Barnes won the Bernard McParlin Cup for photography, and Margaret Robinson won for her painting and drawing entries.

Colin Turner was awarded the Dinas Powys Community Council Cup in the craftwork section. Needlecrafts winner was Fiona Thomas.

The vegetable classes, despite very difficult weather conditions, saw first class apples, beans, marrows and tomatoes. The winner of this section was Cecil Townsend.

The highest number of points in the show, and therefore the show champion, was Liz Richards.

In addition to the competitions there were many activities and stalls in the garden of the parish hall.

Organisations such as Bethesda Chapel, Wide about Nature and Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre were on hand.

There were activities for the children such as a model railway, bouncy castle and face painting.

The crowds were entertained by Mario Morris the magician and Veronica and the Ecumenical Seven. **CF**

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For more information on Darla, visit Dogs Trust Bridgend, www.dogstrust.org.uk, or call 01656 725219. **Julie Ace**

Applications for funding now open

THE Big Lottery Fund is seeking applications from groups in the Vale.

The team at Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) has organised a day of pre-booked appointments with the Big Lottery Fund, for its National Lottery Awards for All Wales (A4AW) and People and Places (P&P) programmes.

The A4AW awards grants range between £300 and £10,000 and P&P between £10,001 to £100,000 (medium) and £100,001 to £500,000 (large).

The Big Lottery Funding Surgery will be held at Western Vale Integrated Children's Centre in Llantwit Major (next to St Illtyd Primary School) on Tuesday, September 18.

Voluntary and community groups in the Vale will be able to apply for a half-hour appointment with Big Lottery Fund advisors to discuss the eligibility of a potential application.

Groups who would like to apply must be available anytime between 9am and 5pm on Tuesday, September 18.

Further information and how to apply for an appointment can visit the GVS' website. **MS**

Dr Jonathan Hicks called the book a 'living memorial'.

New Book of Remembrance is 'living memorial'

One of The Fallen is remembered.

ON September 4, Royal British Legion Barry branch members and the Joyce family attended St Mary's Church to join with Father Ben as the newly-commissioned Book of Remembrance for The Great War was blessed.

The book, made possible by legacy money from the late Tommy Nettleship, was compiled by Dr Jonathan Hicks who said it was a 'living memorial' to be used by the people of Barry for years to come.

Chairman David Green took possession of the book from Dr Hicks.

A spokesperson said: "The book will be seen for the first time in public at the Festival of Remembrance on September 22 in the Memorial Hall, Barry, as part of the Drumhead Service.

"For further details, visit www.memoartscentre.co.uk/events/royal-british-leigion-barry-festival-of-remembrance/." **TG**

NB. The URL in the article has a mis-spelling, but it is the correct link to access The Memorial Hall's website and this event.

Festival held in Llantwit Major

THE Bank Holiday weekend saw visitors from across the UK and far beyond gather in Llantwit Major for the Festival of Remembrance at St Illtud's Church in Llantwit Major.

The church was full for a very special event that marked the military heritage of the town.

The festival invited those present to remember the conflicts of the past, as well as those from the town who have given their lives in conflict over the last century.

The first part of the Festival celebrated local talent.

Following refreshments, the church was transformed into an arena of memories and remembrance as the heroes of the town were remembered in prayer and praise.

Lighting effects and the whole drama of remembrance unfolded, introduced by the haunting notes of the bagpipes and concluded in silence as poppies fell silently on the heads of those leaving the church.

Proceeds of the evening will support the work of the Royal British Legion. **EC**

Christmas boost for the High Street Traders

Anthony Hopkins receives the cheque.

HIGH Street Traders received a £500 donation towards their Christmas lights.

Chairman Anthony Hopkins said: "On behalf of High Street Traders, I want to say thank you to Jackie and Dave Phipps of Barry Training Services who have just donated £500 towards our Christmas lights and future events campaign." **TC**

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National Trust set for hilltop talk

THE Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust Members and Volunteers are holding a meeting on September 19, starting at 7.30pm, at The Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge.

The speaker is Dean Powell, on the subject 'Llantrisant: History of the Hilltop'. Dean will take the group on a fascinating journey through the history of Llantrisant and its pivotal role in the revolts of the Welsh against the Norman overlords.

Hear the tales of Llantrisant's darker past with grisly murders, epidemics, workhouses and drunken brawls!

Visitors and new members always welcome.

Bridgend Quiz League teasers

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. What kitchen items have high quality types known as Sabatier?

2. What animal was the 1960s puppet known as Topo Gigio?

3. What does JLS stand for in the name of the pop group? **SK**

Answers:
1. Chef Knives.
2. A mouse.
3. Jack The Lad Swing.

Search is on for Dairy Stockperson of the Year

NFU Cymru and NFU Mutual have once again launched the search for the Dairy Stockperson of the Year.

Now in its seventh year, the Welsh Dairy Stockperson of the Year Award seeks to champion dedicated, committed and enthusiastic dairy stock managers from across Wales.

Gareth Richards, NFU Cymru Milk Board chairman, said: "As a dairy farmer, I am very passionate about the agricultural industry and championing those individuals who go the extra mile to ensure they have happy, healthy cows is important.

"The award aims to recognise the key role that a good dairy stockperson plays in a successful dairy enterprise and to the Welsh dairy industry as a whole. Potential award winners will be judged on their care and management of the herd, the breeding programme, their handling skills, their involvement in the dairy enterprise and their knowledge of the dairy industry in Wales.

"As chairman of the NFU Cymru Milk Board I am excited to be taking part in the judging process for the first time and I would urge you all to nominate a dairy farmer or manager in your area who you believe deserves to be recognised for their work within the industry."

The closing date for entries is Monday, October 1 and the winner will be announced at this year's Welsh Dairy Show at the United Counties Showground, Carmarthen, on Tuesday, October 30.

This year's winner will receive £500 and a Welsh slate engraved cheese board and the person nominating the winner of the award will also receive £50 worth of local farm shop vouchers or goods.

For more information regarding the award, visit the NFU Cymru website www.nfu-cymru.org.uk. Anyone wishing to enter or nominate someone for the award should email nfu.cymru@nfu.org.uk or call 01982 554200 for an application form.

Taking a look back at this year's Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show...

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Local AM's concern over healthcare

MORE community consultation must take place in the Western Vale over plans to reorganise healthcare services in the area – South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has said.

The plans were announced in a written statement by Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services,Vaughan Gething, in October last year and will result in the transfer of healthcare services in the Bridgend council area from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg to Cwm Taf University Health Board.

Several communities in the western Vale fall under Abertawe Bro Morgannwg but no reference was made to this in the statement – something Mr Davies described at the time as "unacceptable".

In a letter to Cwm Taf University Health Board, chief executive, Alison Williams, Mr Davies has called for all community councils in the western Vale to be consulted by the transition board.

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PRICE
Raymond Thomas (Ray)

Peacefully on 25th August at Morriston Hospital, Swansea, Ray, aged 66 years, of Meadow Close, Coychurch. Much loved husband of Cheryl, loving father of Gordon and Gemma. Father-in-law of Claire and Martin, adored grandad of Grace, Abi and Jack.

Ray will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral Tuesday, 11th September. Service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.15pm.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, may be made to Myeloma UK c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2 Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545.

TOMKINSON
Edward

Ted died peacefully at home on Saturday, 1st September. Much loved by all his family; wife of 64 years Eileen, his children Alan, Baby David (deceased), Helen and Graham; and his six grandchildren.

Resting with W.A. Brown Funeralcare until the funeral service at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, on Thursday, 13th September at 10.30am, afterwards to a private family service at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research UK, Angel Building, 407 St John Street, London EC1V 4AD.

Thanks to all the staff at Llandough Hospital on Ward E7, Eryl Surgery, Well Pharmacy, the district nurses, the carers from Cherish Care Co, friends and neighbours for their support.

HIGGINS
William (Billy)

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Funeral service at Our Lady and St Illtyd Roman Catholic Church, Llantwit Major on Monday, 10th September at 12 noon, followed by interment at Boverton Cemetery.

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Mary

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Hazel Valerie

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George

Maggie would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the wonderful support given to her over many years of dear George's illness. Also for the beautiful flowers and the number of cards sent to me and the very generous donations given for Bellavista Nursing Home, Cardiff Bay - thanks to the wonderful care they gave George - and their support to the family.

Thank you also to A.G. Adams Funeralcare and Rebecca Gatt for the professionalism shown. Ceri-Lou Newman, Civil Funeral Celebrant, for the compassionate service she conducted at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry and the comfort she gave the family with dignity, humour and love, and the eulogy lovingly created by her and the family.

Myself and my family thank each and every one of you for your attendance, love and support throughout.

We extend so much gratitude to you all, from Maggie & family.

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Robert Clive

Julie and Adrian would like to thank all their family and friends for the kindness shown to them after Robert's death and for all the cards and flowers received and generous donations for the Dogs Trust.

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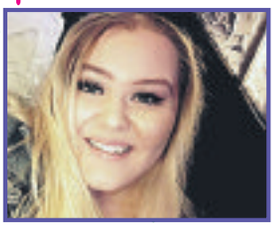

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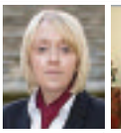

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A copy of the application form and map showing the proposed works can be inspected at Sarn Library, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 9.15am – 5.45pm and Wednesday 9.15am to 12.45pm (please note the library closes for lunch between 1pm – 2pm and is not open on public holidays) The library address is Merfield Close, Sarn, Bridgend, CF32 9SW and the documents will be available to view from 7th September 2018 until 5th October 2018.

A copy of the application form can be obtained by writing to: The Clerk, St Brides Minor Community Council, c/o Sarn Life Long Learning Centre, Merfield Close, Sarn, Bridgend CF32 9SW.

Any objections or representations should be sent in writing ON or BEFORE 5th October 2018 to the Planning Inspectorate Wales at Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ or Wales@pins.gsi.gov.uk. Letters sent to the Planning Inspectorate cannot be treated as confidential. They will be copied to the applicant and possibly to other interested parties.

Clerk & RFO
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Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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Club competitions held at Barry Athletic Bowls Club

THE sun shone brightly on Barry Island on the weekend as Barry Athletic completed their club competitions for the 2018 season.

The finals were orchestrated well by Peter Rogers and the green was prepared to the highest standard to allow all the finalists to display their skills on the silky surface.

An early win for Rowland William Fletcher over a spirited Dylan Brookes in the club novice competition started the day.

Fletcher, who has shown great improvement over the season, dominated after a slow start and ran out winner by 21 shots to 9.

However a young Dylan showed bags of potential through the game and will surely lift the trophy himself before too long.

Club chairman Richard Bowen continued his fine form in the over-60s competitions by defeating Tony Froud 21-4 to lift the John Morris John Memorial cup and Peter Rogers and Tony McPherson overcame a John Holmes and Terry Collins combination in the Selwyn Evans pairs competition by a comfortable margin.

Club championship winner Tony Froud.

The afternoon session saw Peter Rogers overcoming his club skip Robert Horgan 21-10 in an emphatic victory in the club handicap competition, and Tony Froud, bouncing back from his morning defeat, overcame David Wright in the club championship final 21-18 - a new name on the trophy for the blue ribband event that will see Tony progress to the Champion of Champions tournaments next year.

There was good news in the league programme for the club's two teams as the PG1 side overcame Penarth Windsor by three shots to register the double over their neighbours.

Big wins by Richard Bowen and Robert Horgan's rinks set up the victory although it took a magnificent shot by Tony Froud on the final end of their match to secure the victory that now guarantees promotion.

The PG2 side tasted victory too defeating Llanbradach on the 4 Wood green by a huge 50 shots with wins for skips Mike Vaughan, John Jones and Albert Mintern and also a welcome, long overdue win for Paul Webley after his injury-hit season.

This victory means the the club will have their representative sides in the top division of both Private Greens leagues next season and it is a fantastic achievement for skipper Mike Vaughan in his year of captaincy to record this success on the green after the huge amount of work he has put in this year. **RB**

Belle Vue end season with two defeats

PENARTH Belle Vue Bowling Club played Abercynon in the Cardiff League on August 25 and lost 73 shots to 81, with three rinks losing and one winning.

Rink one lost in a very close game, 18-19. Lead was Mike Owens, No. 2 Richard Brant, No. 3 Alan Thomas and skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink two lost 19-16. Lead was Dave Rappit, No.2 Barrie Roberts, No. 3 Paul Patterson and skip was Frank Keen.

Rink three lost 23-16. Lead was Paul Booth, No. 2 was Dave Smith, No. 3 Dave Miller and the skip was captain Malcolm Thomas.

Rink four was the only winning rink by 23-20. Lead was Graham Duggan, No. 2 Dave Huntley, No. 3 Len Fowler and skip was Dave Purser.

Malcolm thanked Abercynon for their hospitality, the friendliness of the match and the lovely buffet.

On September 1, Belle Vue played Caerphilly Welfare Bowling Club in their last game of the season and lost 60-92 with all four rinks going down.

Rink two lost 17 shots to 20. They pulled back a lot of shots, winning the last four ends, but to no avail. Lead was Dave Huntley, No. 2 was Mike Owens, No. 3 was Paul Paterson and skip was Frank Keen.

Rink three lost 16-20. Lead was Len Fowler, No. 2 was Gerry Field, No. 3 was Barrie Bagwell and skip was Dave Purser.

Rink four lost 9-32. Lead was Graham Duggan; No.2 was Richard Brant, No.3 was Alan Thomas and skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink five lost 18-20, lead was Paul Booth, No. 2 was veteran Gordon Ford, No. 3 was Dave Miller and the skip was captain Malcolm Thomas.

Malcolm thanked Caerphilly Welfare for a lovely afternoon of bowls enjoyed by all. **FK**

Good weekend of golf at Brynhill

SOME quality golf was played at a glorious Brynhill on Sunday, a blistering 42 points from Nad Hock being just enough to secure victory in the Porth Cup, with second-placed Tony Green losing out by a solitary point.

Mitchel Taylor-Moore picked up the Harry Cocks Cup with a solid 40 points, only one point better than second-placed Dave Taylor, but enough to secure yet another trophy for his already crowded cabinet - what a fantastic season he's having.

On the team front, Brynhill's last chance of bringing glory to Barry lies with the battling Wayfarers team.

Captained by Terry Hewings, they need only a point and a half away to Tredegar Park to secure the league.

The cup, however, proved to be a bridge too far, as a very strong Cardiff Golf Club hammered them at home 4-1, with only the ever-reliable Sweeny/Goodland partnership preventing a total whitewash.

This Sunday sees a Texas Scramble over the Barry course. **ND**

Thrilling end to season for Cadoxton

THE league season finished for Cadoxton Bowls Club with a home fixture against Cyfarthfa Castle.

On a nice sunny day, a close competition took place with the outcome not settled until the final bowl.

The advantage changed regularly, with the home side taking an advantage during the early stages.

After seven ends Don Kuhnell's rink led 7-2, with an overall advantage of two shots. However with the opposition winning a '2' on the next, they set the mat at the minimum length. This resulted in a '6' in their favour.

At this stage the overall position was now an advantage of six shots, to the visitors. Meanwhile Derek Jefferies rink was level at 7-7.

Kelvin Chedgzoy who led 5-2 had slipped to 7-5 behind, and Howard Craven was just one shot behind at 7-8. They improved their position by improving their score to 14-11, while Kelvin trailed 8-14 and Don was 9-16 adrift.

There was a big improvement during the second half from Derek's rink, scoring 16 shots with 5 against.

With improvements from the other rinks, the overall score was tied with one end left.

On the final end Don's rink came off first, scoring a '2'; Derek conceded a '2', followed by one down on Howard's rink, after narrowly failing to remove the shot to make a '4'.

The last rink on, skipped by Kelvin, held two shots, only for the opposing skip to be fortunate, with a heavy bowl, to stop on one of the shot bowls to make shot to win the game.

Scores: M Curtis, E Heppenstall, P Ellis, K Chedgzoy 14-19; J Stacey, I Robertson S Clarke, D Kuhnell 16-24; D Sulman, J Davies, W Craven, H Craven 18-17; E Heppenstall, J Papoutsou, I Heppenstall, D Jeffries 23-13. Final score: 71-73. **DK**

Brynhill ladies compete for past captain's trophy

Past captains memorial trophy winner Olwen Thomas (left) with Alma Sheppard and Sue Holland.

THE Brynhill Golf Club ladies' past captain's memorial trophy was competed for on August 31.

There couldn't have been better golfing weather with the golfing Gods sending some sunshine. The golf course looked glorious and in wonderful condition thanks to Iain Grant and his course staff.

There were 14 ladies' past captains entering the 18 hole competition. The presentation took place after the very welcome sandwiches and chips provided by the club caterer, Mark Dommett.

The winner with 36 points was immediate past captain Olwen Thomas, and this was her first competition playing as a past captain.

Liz Fine.

She was presented with the beautiful cut-glass trophy by Alma Sheppard (who donated the trophy originally) and the Brynhill representative for the ladies' past captains, Sue Holland .

The runner-up with 35 points was Helena Coombes. Nearest the pin on the ninth hole was Ann Phillips.

Well done ladies, a very good day again for the ladies of Brynhill.

Thanks were given to Sue by Olwen and the captain of the past captains Cardiff and Vale, Carole Allen for organising the day.

There was also a presentation to Liz Fine as she is leaving Brynhill to live abroad - good luck Liz.

The Brynhill ladies at least know where they are going on holiday next year! **JMK**

Walking football comes to Jenner Park

JENNER Park Stadium proudly hosts the first ever home internationals for walking football on Saturday, September 8 as Wales take on England in over-50s and over-60s.

Walking football is aimed at keeping people aged over 50 involved with football who, due to a lack of mobility or for other reason, are not able to play traditional football but still wish to participate in the beautiful game.

It has very specific rules that outlaw all running and allows no contact between players. Walking football was devised in 2011 and is now played in over 1,200 clubs/locations with an estimated 40,000 regular players.

As the older population increases the growth of the game is expected to grow further over the next decade.

Tickets for the showdown are available on the gate, open from 1.30pm. **DB**

It's a double for Clive!

FOLLOWING his outstanding performance at the recently-held Captain's Day competition, Colwinston entrepreneur Clive Edwards continued his remarkable run of form to win his second major competition in two weeks when finishing ahead of the field at last Thursday's monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society.

Played at Cardiff Golf Club and attracting 33 participants Clive finished with 35 stableford points (plus a three shot handicap reduction) to finish three points ahead of closest rival vice-captain Clive Thomas who finished with 32 points.

In third place was Aubrey Bowen who, despite being quite distraught on arriving without his golf shoes, quickly overcame the physcological blow of having to use his not often seen and rarely used plastic card to finish with 31 points. In fourth place also with 31 points was Julian Golunski.

Geoff Smith won the guests' section with 33 points followed by Cowbridge resident Peter Fryer who scored 30 points.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan Cowbridge-sponsored par-3 holes were Geoff Smith, Mark Rees, Martin Edwards, Tony McCarthy and the day's generous sponsor Mark Brown of Anthony Brown & Co Estate Agents of Llantwit Major.

Guest John Davies hit the longest drive on the selected hole to win the Llanerch Vineyard & Restaurant-sponsored prize and Brian Jones, who attracted much attention during the afternoon for playing with a pink ball, collected a voucher from Picketston Poultry when correctly guessing 41 balls would fail to return home.

Members of the society are now looking forward to their annual tour, starting today (September 6) when 27 members will be travelling over the Irish Sea to Wexford to compete for the David Evans' (Agriculture) Ltd trophy playing 54 holes over three days at Rosslare, Enniscorthy and Wexford Golf courses.

T.McC

Looking On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

CHARLIE PRICE, 20, an amateur rider based at Tim Vaughan's Aberthin yard, was in brillant form at the recent Arabian Horse Race meeting at Chelmsford where he came in for a lot of praise after riding three winners, one of them for Aberkenfig's Delyth Thomas.

Charlie landed the Royal Cavalry of Oman Conditions Stakes on the debutant Bodour Athbah; he then scored on Delyth Thomas' Callymay, who was winning at the track for the third time, and which beat Conquer by one and a quarter lengths.

Then, on the Phillip Collingdon-trained Anfaas, Charlie got home by a head to beat Emiraaty.

Charlie said: "She ran over her perfect trip of a mile and took to the surface well. The other horses might have been unlucky as it was such a close finish."

Anfaas, a 4-1 chance, is owned by Sheik Hamdan Bin Maktoun.

Of Callymay's success, Mrs Thomas said: "She ran really well and I'm really pleased with her."

Earlier in the year, Charlie had landed a hat-trick at Wolverhampton and it was on Tim Vaughan's Midnight Queen that he won the restricted open at the final meeting of the point-to-point season at Umberleigh.

On the flat or over the sticks, it makes little difference to versatile Charlie.

As for Mrs Thomas, she is no stranger to riding winners herself as in her younger days - she rode at flapping (unlicenced) meetings.

However, in later life she trained point-to-pointers and a couple of winners under National Hunt rules.

Her most notable winner was Am I Blue, who, in 2010, won a controversial hurdle race at Hereford.

The full story of this win can be found in my book, Racing Rogues: The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales, published by St David's Press.

DAI'S BANGOR WINNER

Ebbw Vale's Dai Burchell landed the two miles and four furlongs Genesis Wealth Management Handicap Chase at Bangor last Friday with his nine-year-old King Alfonso, which won by six lengths from the Tom Scudamore-partnered Boy In A Bentley.

A 4-1 chance, top-weighted King Alfonso was partnered by Hereford-born Richard Patrick.

BRIAN LEE

Vale cricketing under-9s excel over the summer

VALE Cricket Club under-9s have enjoyed an exceptional summer of cricket.

The number of children at the club in this age group enjoying the game has increased to 30, with many attending weekly coaching sessions and Sunday morning festivals.

New coach Richard Cole's aim was to see that every child enjoyed the sport and individually improved during the course of the season.

Parent involvement was a noticeable feature, with a refreshment stand being set up on coaching evenings and match days, and mums and dads helping out with coaching sessions and umpiring.

The most pleasing aspect from a coaching perspective was to see the collective team spirit shown by everyone, whether a wicket was taken, boundary scored or a player was struggling with bat or ball.

The squad certainly benefited from participation in last season's festivals across the region when many of the children were just seven or eight-years-old.

This season we were one of the strongest squads, regularly allowing us to put out two sides and winning most of the matches played.

Teams faced included several from Cardiff CC, Whitchurch Heath CC, Cowbridge CC, Radyr CC, Penarth CC, Creigiau CC, Pentyrch CC, Central Cardiff CC, Miskin Manor CC, St Fagans CC and Pontypridd CC.

Individuals shone throughout the season with notable batting performances from Ianto Lewis, Tom Lowe, Theo Kempson, Osian Leeke, Rhodri Davies, and captain Archie Scourfield.

Joe Nicolson's spectacular six over extra cover in one match typified his exciting batting in each match. Sam Cole kept wicket to a high standard.

Excellent bowling spells from Efan Vaughan, Sawyer Griffiths, Tom Lowe, Theo Kempson, Joe Nicolson and vice-captain Austin Boole showed the hard work that had been put in by everyone during training.

A last over from Aidan Backhouse against a strong Cardiff CC team at their home ground will live long in the memory, with three wickets being taken to secure victory.

Tight fielding and catching marked the team out from others. Joseph Miller and Archie Scourfield took catches which would grace the professional, let alone the under-9s, field.

The coaching team were incredibly proud of all the children and how they trained and played.

We can't wait to see many of them playing under-11s cricket next year with the hard ball and hearing about the remainder doing well at under-9s.

Assistant coach Bob Gilbert commented that it was one of, if not the most successful under-9s' seasons in his long involvement with the club.

HW

News round-up from Cowbridge Bowling Club

ONLY one league game on which to report, and it was the last game of the season and the penultimate one for Cowbridge.

The teams met at Rhoose where the home team have not been beaten in the league this season.

Their carpet green is fast and would have caused grass players problems, but Cowbridge adjusted well.

Roger Barwick's rink were neck and neck all the way, 11-9 on end nine, 13-17 down on end 17, but fought back and then lost by just one shot, 17-18.

Norman Wilkinson's rink were 8-7 up on end 10, 23-11 up on end 17 and ran out winners 21-17.

Dennis Snelling's rink were always in front - 12-6 up on end 10, 23-11 up on end 17 and ran out winners 24-18.

Bob Penn's rink was off to a flying start and were 7-1 up after four ends, then lost five ends in a row to be 7-11 down on end 10.

They won eight of the remaining 11 ends, finishing 12-17.

Rink scores: Tom Purnell, Alan Jordan, Alan Wallace and Roger Barwick 17-18; Ron Dobie, Bryan Hole, Colin Wilson, and Norman Wilkinson 21-17; Terry Dunsworth, Terry Foley, Steve Close and Dennis Snelling 24-18; Mansel Davey, Jorn Wathes, Andrew Arkwright Morgan and Bob Penn 23-17. Match score: Cowbridge 85, Rhoose 60.

This was a good win for Cowbridge and 12 points, but still one point short of Rhoose in the league.

This Saturday Cowbridge travel to Blaenrhondda (already league champions) to play their last game of the season and hoping for some fine weather!

Otherwise it has been a very busy week for our bowlers.

On Wednesday a ladies and men teams travelled to the Penarth Rectory Road club to play in a mixed friendly.

This involved 48 players using six rinks. Cowbidge did manage to win a rink but winning was not as important as the occasion.

On Thursday, the annual ladies captain versus ladies vice-captain contest was held, where 34 of our ladies played in this friendly fun competition which was watched by number of our lady associate members.

Captain Pat Holdswoth says there was a lot of fun and laughter and she wishes to thank everyone for their wonderful support throughout the season. Members and associate members enjoyed tea together after the match.

On Friday evening it was celebration time for those who played Friday Social Triples.

More than 40 members played and all six rinks were occupied before we retired to the bar to party.

No expense was spared - gold medallions were presented by Gerry Lewis to the winning team of Tom Purnell, Caryl Davies, Arwyn Rees, Joan Bradley and team leader Tony Lewis.

Gerry and Diane Lewis were thanked for their wonderful contribution to the evening and throughout the season.

This coming Sunday there will be a keenly contested match between the ladies team and the men's team.

They will compete for the Barwick Cup and bragging rights for the next 12 months.

MB

Darts League all set for flying start

THE 2018-2019 season of the Cowbridge Darts League is about to begin.

This year we have 11 teams competing, hosted by eight pubs. The venues are Edmondes Arms, Cowbridge; Farmers Arms, Aberthin; Llanharry Working Men's Club, Llanharry; Highwayman Inn, Nurston; Six Bells Inn, Penmark; Red Lion, Bonvilston; Victoria Inn, Sigingstone and 1 Town Hall Square, Cowbridge.

Ideally, the league would like to have an even number of teams, so we would like to add a 12th team. If you would like to enrol a team for this season get in touch ASAP, we have until mid-September to fold you in.

The opening league matches will be played on Tuesday, September 11. The One Town Hall Square hosts the Six Bells Inn, the Edmondes A hosts the Red Lion Inn, the Hairy Farmers hosts the Highwayman Inn, the Edmondes C hosts the Farmers Arms and Llanharry hosts the Edmondes B.

The Victoria Inn, have the evening off, as they start the season with a bye.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul a t cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

Penllyn Bridge Club results

THURSDAY, August 2 (15 pairs): 1st. John Lord & Jo Ilsley 64.58%, 2nd. Julia Evans & Chris Impey 59.47%, 3rd Wayne Stephens & Mary Wallis 56.67%.

Thursday, August 9 (15 pairs): 1st. Keith Price & Barbara Easterbrook 62.5%, 2nd. Ireen & Richard Daniels 61.25%, 3rd. Wayne Stephens & Mary Wallis 55.68%

Thursday, August 16 (14 pairs): 1st. David & Marion Stephenson 63.64%, 2nd. Phil 7 Lou Edwards 57.95%, 3rd. Eric Sparkes & Gwenyth Wilde 56.06%.

Thursday, August 23 (16 pairs): 1st. Allan Evans & Keith Price 66.88%, 2nd. John Lord & Jo Ilsley 62.66%, 3rd. Judith & Colin Nunn 61.04%.

Thursday, August 30 (17 pairs): 1st. John Lord & Jo Ilsley 65.58%, 2nd. Helen Owen & Penny Jarvis 58.77%, 3rd. Dot Williams & Pam Hanmer 58.21%.

CN

Knockout events come to a close at St Mary's

THE final of the Summer Pairs concluded St Mary's Golf Club's senior section's series of summer knockout competitions.

With an early morning tee off, finalists Selwyn Williams and partner Fred Furby set off to do battle against Andrew Lane and section chairman Gordon Martin.

The match was a close run affair but chip-ins from Williams on both the second and 16th saw the former pairing head off to the 18th tee one up.

Lane and Martin could do no better than halve the final hole, conceding the victory to Williams and Furby.

Following on from the pairs final, 37 other members of the section teed off in a stableford competition off white tees.

Good grass growth from the recent welcome rain had the effect of slowing down the fairways somewhat, but nevertheless, some excellent scores were posted.

A count-back was necessary to separate Kevin Bywaters and octogenarian Bob Coombes, who, with both carding 35 points, were placed second and third respectively.

Vice-captain Dave Hughes claimed the victory with 38 points.

NL

Bridge results

THE latest results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge club for September 3 are as follows:

The Welsh Bridge Union Autumn Simultaneous Pairs 2018: First, Tony Ratliff and Julian Pottage 65.53 per cent; second, Emer Disley and Gareth Jenkins 62.31 per cent; third, Phil Felman and Tony Disley 60.42 per cent.

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When point-to-point came to the Vale – part three

THIS is the third extract from Brian Lee's long out of print *The Races Came Off - The Story of Point-To-Point Racing in South and West Wales,* this time looking firstly at 1898.

There was a large attendance of the county at the Glamorgan Hunt point-to-point held at Crossways, near Cowbridge. No-one worked harder to make the races a success than Tom Thomas, of the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge, who acted as secretary, starter and clerk of the course.

Don't let any of today's secretaries tell me how overworked they are!

The most popular win at this meeting was that of the Master of the Hunt The Mackintosh's heavyweight race. Edgar David's *Mallard* landed the lightweight event and David Watt's *Malapert* the farmer's race.

A short while later *Malapert* was awarded the Fox Hunters' plate at the Glamorgan Hunt steeplechases when it was found that *Red Bolt* had not been fairly hunted in accordance with the conditions of the race. *Red Bolt* had actually finished a neck in front of *Malapert*.

In 1899, at the Glamorgan, held at Crossways on a Wednesday afternoon, The Mackintosh of *Mackintosh Ambrose* won the lightweight race by five lengths from Edgar David's *Mallard*.

Ambrose was ridden by Dr Moynan, who in 1895 had come close to winning the first Welsh Grand National at Cardiff's Ely Racecourse with his five-year-old *Measure For Measure*.

For the record, *Measure For Measure*, partnered by Mr J Lewis, was beaten four lengths by the favourite *Deerstalker* ridden by George Mawson.

In the heavyweight race, which was won by Mr. W. Vizard's *Blazer*, the riders had to weigh out at no less than 14 stone.

In 1900, whereas the two previous years the Glamorgan fixture had been held at Crossways, the course was near the Golden Mile.

William Cope, who lived in Southerndown and who was one of the original members of the Bar Point-To-Point Race Club, landed the heavyweight race on Mr Cuffitt's aged *President*, who beat the previous year's winner, Blazer.

The Bar, or Pegasus Club as it was called, was founded with the object of encouraging hunting and riding among members of the legal profession.

In the lightweight race, in which Mr. F. Miles had the misfortune to break an arm, Mr Edgar David, riding his own horse *Bon Jour*, scored comfortably from five year-old *Crown Prince*.

The very next day *President* and *Bon Jour* opposed each other at the Glamorgan Hunt Steeplechases when contesting the Glamorgan Hunt Cup. *Bon Jour* emerged the winner by some 40 lengths.

The winner of the farmers' race, Messrs.Watts's *Rosebud*, ridden by Dr Moyran, was sold to Brains of Cardiff, the brewery people. Whether it ended up pulling one of Brains wagon or not, I cannot say.

The course for the Glamorgan fixture of 1901 surrounded a mound on the Cowbridge side of the village called Waun, Penylan, which was known as the 'Kopje Grand Stand'.

This venue was to be greatly favoured by members of the hunt because of its picturesque setting and uninterrupted view of the proceedings.

Tom Thomas, of the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge, was the judge and his son Harry acted as starter. No doubt there was much celebrating in the Bear Hotel that evening as Tom Thomas took the farmers' race on a mare called *Miss Jones*.

The Mackintosh's aged black gelding *Magpie* won the heavyweight event by a neck from Gerald Bruce's *Lady Edward* who was obstructed at the last fence.

Fine summer-like weather favoured the Ystrad at Pentyrch and there was some excitement in the lightweight race when *Pilot*, ridden by his owner Mr J. Powell, who had drawn well clear, fell at the last fence and was passed by Mr Thomas' *Irish Lass*.

Pilot's jockey, however, smartly remounted and went on to catch *Irish Lass* on the line.

At this meeting Gerald Bruce's *Lady Edward* gained some consolation for her narrow Glamorgan defeat when leading from start to finish to take the heavyweight event.

The races at this meeting were open to horses regularly hunted with the Ystrad and who had never won under Jockey Cub rules, and for riders who had never ridden to hire.

Next time, in 1920, the riders meet at the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge, where the Crossways point-to-point course is pointed out to them.

**Brian Lee is the author of the best-selling Racing Rogues – The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales, published by St David's Press.*

Local company show their support for young footballers

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Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

BARRY ATHLETIC kept up up their table-topping start in a midweek Island derby, as they condemned Island Marine to their first defeat of the season.

Davies, Lee and Oaton grabbed the goals while Stringer in goal pulled off an important penalty save.

Rhoose moved up to second with an emphatic 6-1 hammering of Penarth Town. Sully Sports took their first three points of the season in some style beating last season's Division One rivals Barry Saints 3-0.

St Athan also notched their first points of the season edging out Cowbridge Town in a 5-4 thriller of a west Vale derby with a last minute winner.

In Division One, Holton Road went top of the league with a big 6-1 win over Cwm Talwg.

Cadoxton Barry piled more misery on Cogan after their heavy defeat on the weekend, hitting them for five without response, while Tynewydd saw off Cadoxton Imps with an excellent 4-1 win.

On Saturday, AFC Rhoose B maintained their 100 per cent record as they inflicted the first defeat of Vale Madrid's season, with a narrow 3-2 victory to remain top of Division Two, Rhoose B having now won their opening four games.

Cadoxton Atheltic went second with a 4-2 win over St Athan B while Barry Vikings secured their second successive win with a 2-1 victory away to Penarth Town B. Barry Albion got their season back on track with a 4-2 win over Barry Athletic B.

In the Premier Division, Barry Athletic stay top and remain undefeated as they edged out Penarth Town 3-2.

Athletic look the early favourites but AFC Rhoose must be contenders as they also stay unbeaten with a comprehensive 5-0 win over Barry Saints.

Island Marine remain third and in the early mix as they saw off St Athan 5-3, who stay bottom, while Sully Sports and Cowbridge Town played out a thrilling 3-3 draw.

In Division One, Cogan Coronation bounced back from two heavy defeats on the trot to hand Cardiff Airport their first loss of the season in a 3-2 win.

Holton Road stay top of the league coming back from two goals down in the final 10 minutes to defeat Cadoxton Barry 3-2. Cadoxton Imps got back to winning ways with a 3-0 victory over bottom side Cwm Talwg while SP Billy picked up their first points seeing off Tynewydd 2-1.

This week, it's a full league fixture list and the match of the day has to be Cardiff Airport hosting Holton Road in Division One.

HD

Vale Cricket Club firsts cap off season with win

VALE Cricket Club first XI played their final league game of season at home to Dinas Powys, where they finished the season in style and were convincing winners.

Vale lost the toss and were asked to bowl first. Darren Upham (2-13) bowled excellently once again as he claimed two LBWs with late in-swing, a ball he has perfected and used very well this season.

Upham set his batsman up perfectly by bowling well at the stumps and mixing it slightly with the odd ball dangled just outside the off stump.

Upham has bowled very well this season and has been available for every game, proving to be a valuable asset to his team.

Matthew Williams opened the bowling at the other end. He bowled tight lines and pleased his team by supporting Darren in making things difficult for the visiting team.

Mitchell (34) showed some grit and determination in his innings but began to run out of partners which cued his pursuit of quick runs. This ultimately led to him giving away his wicket as he was caught by Darren Upham on the square leg boundary.

Taylor (2-31) also claimed the wicket of Preston as he was caught by keeper Harry Withers.

First change bowler Joe Hodges (0-11) bowled with good pace and bounce causing many problems for the Dinas batsman. Hodges is a very useful asset to have and was unfortunate that his bid for wickets was futile but he bowled very well nonetheless.

However, the ball of the day was bowled by Aaron Davies (2-21) as he removed Dinas' number six who went to leave one outside the off stump only for the young off spinner to bring it back sharply to take the bails, a tremendous delivery!

Aaron's other wicket was taken in his first over as Dinas' danger man Gordan Hannah (17) was caught at mid-wicket by Brendan McCay.

Dean Oram (2-18) entered the fray in the final third as he bowled five overs that caused the batsman some difficulty.

The inswinging seamer kissed the off stump for his first wicket and had the second caught at mid off by James Snelson. The ninth wicket was a calmly taken run out by Roy off his own bowling.

Roy (0-15) and McCutcheon (0-11) bowled well against the tail as they searched for the final wicket. Both bowlers did well to keep the score to a 121-9 but the final wicket proved to be allusive.

Special mention should go to Scott McCutcheon, who worked hard in the field cutting off boundaries and chasing the ball down.

Vale then set about chasing their target of 122 to win. Captain JP Davies opened with himself and Dean Oram.

JP (30) played some well-timed shots to various areas of the pitch as he and Dean put on 82 for the first wicket. Dean (59) scored his first half century of the season with a wonderful display of strong stroke play.

Dean timed several shots over the bowler's head including a six that landed on the covers (don't tell the chairman or the treasurer).

We're looking forward to more next year, Dean!

McCay and Withers were the not out batsman as they saw Vale home with 122-2 in the 23rd over.

Well played to all that took part this season and congratulations to Creigiau and Pontymister and Cross Keys who have gained promotion to the league above.

Vale look forward to training hard over the winter and pushing for promotion again next season.

HW

News from Barry Romilly Bowls Club

BARRY Romilly Bowls Club qualified for the finals of the Hugh Meddins Trophy along with teams from Barry Athletic, Penarth Rectory, Penarth Windsor and Sully Bowling Club on August 28.

This is an event of two triples per team. The Romilly team consisted of A. Bryan, G. Cogbill and skip Mike Doyle (firs triple) P. Gershenson, J. Daly and skip Mel Newman (second triple).

Barry Romilly won all four games in the final and collected the trophy following wins in this competition in 2014, 2016 and 2017.

The following day, August 29, the annual Brian Oliver Cup was contested between Romilly and Millwood Bowls Club. Brian Oliver was a very well-respected member of both clubs.

The game was played at Millwood and the results were: Rink 1 - A. Jones, J. Kirk, A. Bryan, skip R. Hewitson vs D. Woodfin, A. Norris, T. Cole and skip H. Spencer 28-7; Rink 2 - J. Kirkpatrick, P. Clarke, P. Swannick and skip G. Cogbill vs A. Birkley, R. Browne, D. Lewis and skip G. Stone 25-8; Rink 3 - P. James, B. Griffiths, P. Edwards and skip B. Foscolo vs N. Tutton, D, Bourne, J. Slee and skip A. Bumford 16-15; Rink 4 - B. Parker, J. Daly, P. Gershenson and skip A. Freeman vs M. Lucas, P. Childs, S. Sewell and skip A. Annis 15-12. Aggregate score 84-42.

A quiet evening's bowls was enjoyed by all and was only interrupted on a few occasions by the loud vocal encouragement of Brian Foscolo.

Both teams enjoyed a sociable get together in the clubhouse after the match.

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Emphatic win starts season with a bang for Cowbridge RFC

COWBRIDGE RFC's introduction to League 3 East Central A couldn't have been much better.

A coach full of players and supporters (many more travelled by car) left the club at 11.45am heading for Talgarth for the first league match of the season against Gwernyfed RFC.

The home side kicked off on a warm sunny afternoon and Cowbridge, within 45 seconds, were ahead as wing Josh Thomas collected a chip ahead to sprint over in the corner.

Cowbridge kept the pressure on from the restart and were almost over again following a lovely dummy by fly half Sam Stephens.

Despite plenty of possession Cowbridge had to wait until the 20th minute for the next score. A penalty for a high tackle resulted in a lineout 15 metres out.

Scrum half Hywel Williams drove towards the line and captain Ross Gibbon took over to crash across the line with livewire full back Zac Summerhayes converting.

After some good play by the home side Cowbridge attacked from a lineout on the halfway but a late tackle on Stephens resulted in a yellow card and Summerhayes kicked the penalty to the corner.

A fine lineout take by Gibbon gave momentum for a series of drives with fellow second row Lewis Hopkins claiming a third try. Again Summerhayes converted.

Just before the half-time whistle Gwernyfed kicked a penalty in a rare foray into the Cowbridge half, making the half-time score Gwernyfed 3, Cowbridge 19.

If Cowbridge thought the second half was going to be more of the first from the off they were mistaken.

From the kick off a Gwernyfed driving maul took play up to the 22, and despite a fine clearance by Summerhayes, the home side's bulky centre strolled through the Cowbridge defence for a converted try.

If that wasn't a wake up call a penalty soon afterwards brought the score to 13-19.

However, normal service was soon resumed. A powerful Cowbridge scrum on the halfway, and good runs by scrum half Williams and centre Ash Thomas was followed by a dazzling run by Josh Thomas which took him within metres of the line, only for a superb inside pass to release Will Williams, who touched down under the posts for Summerhayes to convert.

That seemed to act as a catalyst for Cowbridge and within a few minutes centre Tom Harrison, who had just got on the field, burst through the defence from 30 metres to sprint over the line. Josh Thomas, who had taken over kicking duties, converted.

It only took another few minutes for Harrison to get back on the scoreboard.

The kick off went straight out and a powerful Cowbridge scrum (the front row had been outstanding throughout) allowed scrum half Williams to break and release the backs for Harrison to stroll over, Josh Williams adding the extras.

With young George Thomas joining the front row to great effect Cowbridge continued to attack at every opportunity, and from a lineout prop Jon Bater muscled his way over the whitewash.

With tails up and the likes of Dan Holder, Jack Anderson and Rhys Price creating mayhem amongst the home defence, it was not long before Cowbridge recorded an eighth try as wing Rhidian Williams showed the defence a clean pair of heels as he sprinted over for a fine try.

Fair play to the home side, they didn't give up and on the stroke of full-time scored a consolation try to make the final score Gwernyfed 20, Cowbridge 50.

There will be much tougher games than this to come but it was a great way to start with the boys playing some of the exciting rugby that was their trademark for much of last season.

The pack was on top throughout and the backs willing to attack from any position.

Finally, thanks to Gwernyfed for their warm welcome and hospitality

This Saturday will be a sterner test again old rivals Pontyclun at the Athletic Ground.

Let's get a great crowd there to support the boys.

The follow Saturday we travel to Canton for the first round of the prestigious WRU Bowl competition, followed by a trip to Treharris on September 22.

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Looking back on a superb season for Cowbridge Cricket Club

COWBRIDGE Cricket Club's first XI's record of winning 14 out of 16 completed matches suggests a very good season, yet the fact that remained uppermost in the team's psyche was that they had failed in their mission to lift The Dan Radcliffe Cup and with it promotion from the South Wales Cricket Association to the South Wales Premier League.

For much of the season, right to the last session of play, the first XI chased Gorseinon who remained unbeaten and eventually finished on 308 points to Cowbridge's 300.

That the third-placed club was Maesteg Celtic with 213 gives an indication of just how superior the two frontrunners were.

It's statistically the case that Cowbridge's average margin of victory was significantly greater than Gorseinon, but what did for Cowbridge's ambitions were two defeats in two weeks at the end of the first half of fixtures.

Significantly, one was at Gorseinon and the other was an almost inexplicable reverse against Merthyr who were subsequently relegated. These defeats might not have mattered if Cowbridge had defeated a seemingly understrength Gorseinon at Cowbridge but the opportunity was lost to the weather.

Nevertheless, the runners-up spot was the highest position occupied by the club in 13 years and 2018 may have been the year that the club turned a very big corner in its quest to become one of the leading teams and clubs in south Wales. The club will look towards 2019 with confidence.

The foundation of the successes was the opening partnership of Ben Wright, the handsome driver sometime of Glamorgan, and Tom Merilaht, the artful nudger.

They set the tone for the season at Dafen in the first fixture putting on 277 and creating a new club record.

They beat that a fortnight later with a stand of 280 against Swansea Civil Service. The dominance of the two was clearly shown by their end of season statistics - Ben scored 1,122 runs at an average of 93.5 while Tom got 1079 at 154.

It was quite remarkable batting and unsurprisingly put the pair at the top of the league's batting aggregates and averages.

Among the records set was that two batsmen from the same club should achieve in excess of 1,000 runs in the league; it was an extraordinary half-hour when they both went past the milestone at Llandysul. Ben Wright was also the league's leading wicket keeper.

If such success can be considered to have a downside, it could be argued that the supporting cast of Chris Willey, Brad Evans and Jack Cropper did not get the batting opportunities that might have emerged had the prolific openers not occupied the crease for such a large proportion of the available time.

The bowling was also strong, with Brad Evans the league-leading wicket taker with 36 and the best average of 9.91.

Brad was brilliantly supported by Tom Williams, who took 28, and Nick Wood, who took 22.

The arrival this year of Brad via Cardiff Met University and Tom who began his career in the junior section was clearly important, but strength in depth came too with Sam Routledge, another Cardiff Met all-rounder, joining for the first six matches before returning home at the end of term.

Sam's position was filled by the arrival of another Cardiff Met student, Tatenda Chizada, who made significant contributions, opening the bowling with success. Rian Thomas might not have enjoyed the opportunities his undoubted talent deserved, while illness curtailed Sam Russell's effectiveness. Heath Webb did well when he had the opportunity and will play a bigger part in the future.

The skipper, Chris Willey, had another good season, his field placing and bowling changes were astute and the team quickly assimilated itself into a happy and positive unit.

Chris will be aware that gaining promotion will not just happen next year. The arrival of Tata Steel, a solid side, even if relegated, will see to that.

However, the club is undoubtedly in a much stronger position than it was this time last year.

The summary of the season is that it was one of significant progress for the club even if the ultimate prizes eluded the first XI but it can look to next season with confidence.

The pitches were prepared by club chairman Hugh Williams assisted by Jamie Miller. The excellent teas were provided by Debbie of Happy Days. Indeed, off the field, the management worked well in all respects.

Thanks are also due to Ceri and the bar staff as they refreshed the ever-growing band of supporters who habitually turn up to see the second innings on a Saturday.

The scorer, Sara Russell, was efficiency personified but when it was announced that the club hoped to electrify Mrs Russell next season there were a large number who felt that even if she had made mistakes with her scoring (which incidentally she had not) such a punishment was rather draconian.

What was meant was that the club is looking to renovate the scoreboard and use electronic numbers that can be changed by the scoring laptop and adjusted ball by ball.

During the season the team fielded a mix of seven home grown players, two who had moved to the town and the two student cricketers.

It is important that the club retains its position as the Cowbridge Cricket Club and while the club must strengthen as it builds on this year, the ambition remains firm that the club wishes to play in the Premier League first division with a largely home-grown side.

Not everyone can play in the first XI but it is important that the club builds a squad with the role of the second XI set to become ever more important.

Furthermore, when one listens to none other than Ben Wright telling anyone how important reestablishing a third XI is, you begin to realise the club's values are good ones.

What the successes of the past season have done is to raise expectations in terms of cricket management. The officers are as aware as anyone that there are opportunities to improve and raise standards across the activities of the club.

There will be a short period of consultation before the cricket plans for next year are put in place.

Beyond the boundary the major project is to landscape the Llwynhelig End and it seems that the removal of the old steel sightscreen and the large conifers has been met with approval.

All of the investment, around £30,000 in the past three years, has been raised by the club or funded by grants and gifts.

Finally 'thank you' to those who have been kind enough to tell me that they have enjoyed the articles this year.

It may have been a little fanciful to compare the Llynfi Valley with the hills of Tuscany and it is true that the imagination was stretched a little at Gorseinon where there was nobody actually drinking gin.

Hopefully there will be more nonsense next season when the review will tell a tale of the league's chairman getting to the Pavilion as dusk falls with a large shining cup festooned with back and green ribbons.

JRB

Vale seconds bag the league title!

VALE Cricket Club seconds travelled to third placed Monmouth only needing five points to win the league after having sealed promotion against Ebbw Vale the week previous.

At the coin toss the Monmouth captain decided to insert Vale to make first use of the grassy but hard Monmouth track. Batting first meant that Vale needed to score 180 runs to secure the five points needed for the title.

Monmouth struck early in the first over removing Vale opening batsman Gethin Merry bowled by Alfie Robinson. In came Vale stalwart Mark Francis at number three, fresh from bowling at eight in the previous week.

Francis and other opener Matthew Thomas began to settle in and quickly got the scoreboard ticking over with assertive running between the wickets and the odd boundary.

Just before the drinks break the pushing of singles finally told on skipper Thomas, having tweaked a hamstring.

With Thomas not being able to run Merry came back to the crease to run for injured captain.

Francis and Thomas put on a partnership of 120 for the second wicket before Francis got caught in the 27th over at extra cover for a solid 44, adding to his impressive season tally of 569 runs.

With 13 overs left of the innings it was time for Vale to attack and get to 180 to seal promotion.

The runs flowed as Vale reached the target of 180 runs in the 33rd over with the shot of the day from Steve Hiles, clipping a ball through midwicket all along the floor to the boundary rope.

With promotion secured the next seven overs was carnage for the tired Monmouth attack, 109 runs scored in the final seven overs with some brutal hitting from Thomas finishing on 164 not out, Hiles (36) and Gareth Kelland 15 not out.

The 164 not out from Thomas capped a remarkable season for the Vale skipper as Thomas broke through the thousand run barrier to finish the season with 1043 runs, scoring four centuries and six 50s along the way. Vale completed their innings at 295 for 3 in 40 overs.

In reply, Monmouth lost an early wicket with Joseph Davies bowling out opener Neil Saunders for 3. In came Chris Chalk to partner the solid Ian Morgan, and Chalk, an aggressive hitter, set about the Vale attack to chase down the daunting 295.

Chalk was proving to be a difficult man to bowl to as he began to settle into the innings, scoring at a fair pace.

However, the breakthrough came at the other end with Tom Lazarus picking up the wicket of Ian Morgan with a fine stretching catch from Glyn Jones in the covers.

Lazarus picked up a further two wickets, removing Harry Hughes for 4, stumped by Ashley Taylor, and Jonathan Jones for 5, trapped LBW.

Lazarus, with 3 for 33 from his eight overs, capped off a fine season with Lazarus, finishing the seconds top wicket taker picking up 24 wickets.

Gethin Merry came onto bowl and picked up the wicket of the hard-hitting Chalk for 76, a flat catch caught well by the bearded Tom Gingell at mid-off.

Merry accurately throughout his spell, finishing with 2 for 24.

Gingell later came on to bowl, picking up a wicket in his fiver overs, again expertly stumped by Taylor. Monmouth finished the innings 167 for 7, 128 runs short of the target.

This result capped off a fine season for Vale Cricket Club second XI, having gone through the season wining 13 matches and gaining more batting and bowling bonus points than any other club in the league.

Vale finished the season on top by a healthy 27 points from second-placed Sully and 46 points from third-placed Monmouth.

There were 31 players who all contributed to Vale second XI title-winning season, a big squad of players with plenty of strength and depth, with many players breaking through into senior cricket from the thriving Vale youth section.

There were lots of positive contributions throughout the season from players young and experienced and it's a brilliant achievement by everyone involved.

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